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BIRTHS.

On the 27th September, at Yaumati, the wife of J. T. COUSE, of a daughter. [2727

On the 27th August, at London Mission, Peking, the wife of the Rev. T. HOWARD SMITH, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

On the 25th September, at Gourock Parish Church, by the Rev Alex Milne, ARCHIBALD K. HENDERSON, marine engineer, Hongkong, to HELEN JANE, daughter of Mr. JOHN DIXON, Avon Bank, Gourock, secondly. [2728

On the 19th September, at S. Andrew's Cathedral, Singapore, by the Rev. E. Griffith Evans, Acting Colonial Chaplain, FREDERICK HERBERT ENGLISH, Federated Malay States Railways, to LILIAN ELLA, daughter of the Rev. W. M. NORRIS, M.A., Rector of Witton, Huntingdonshire, England.

On the 21st September, at Shanghai, W. KELLY, M.D., and Miss G. M. HILL, both of Changteh, Hunan.

DEATHS.

On the 15th September, at Foochow, P. R. DUBARRY, of the Imperial Maritime Customs, aged 73 years.

On the 2 th September, at No. 14, Kweiming Road, Shanghai, JOHN FLOOD, aged 71 years.

On the 21st September, at No. 9, Markham Road, Shanghai, WALTER PARRATT STANDRING, infant child of T. ARTHUR and HILDA J. A. STANDRING, aged 13 months.

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HONGKONG, 29TH SEPTEMBER, 1903.

MR. HUTTENBACH continues his vigorous campaign against the Currency Restriction Ordinance now up for its third reading before the Legislative Council at Singapore. In the *Straits Times* of the 21st instant appears a long interview with him and also a short leading article on the substance of that interview. "The Hinterland with the Straits!" is the watchword for those who desire to modify the currency measure before it is too late. The many who believe in this watchword, Mr. HUTTENBACH said, have still time to organise, act, and save the situation. He has no faith in the Bill, and further contends that the scheme itself on which the measure is based exposes the mercantile firms of the Straits Settlements to tremendous losses, while incidentally, the passage of the Ordinance with its great restrictions may abolish the fame of Singapore as a free port, and cast its trade into the hands of rivals. It may lead to much oppression and private persecution. "When the possession of money becomes cousin germane to a felony, and the informer is rewarded for his pains," Mr. HUTTENBACH asks, "will the native be always able to disprove a trumped-up case?" But his strongest point against the Bill is that he shows that it places a premium on smuggling. We quote a passage from the interview in the *Straits Times*:—"It is "apparently believed that the persons or "baggage of passengers will be the main "vehicle of smuggling," said Mr. HUTTENBACH. "That presumption is erroneous. "When the law goes into force and there "is a local premium of, say, 10 per cent. "on any class of dollars, those dollars will "begin to pour into the country. They "will be shipped in small amounts, con-"cealed in all sorts of packages, in paddy "bags, in rice, in ginger-jars, in pickle-jars, "in every possible vehicle of importation. "Therefore, if smuggling is to be prevented "it will be necessary to examine practically "every cargo that discharges here. In "other words, the freedom of this free port "will become a myth, a memory. We "must have an expensive Custom House "staff, without securing any revenue from "excise duties wherewith to defray the cost "of the maintenance of such a department. "The *personnel* of such an excise staff "would have to be mainly European. "Excise matters cannot be left to the "charge of uninterested Asiatics. The "temptations are too great, the customs of "*backsheesh* and *camsha* too deeply inherent, "too universally prevalent. At sea and on "land we must draw an impassable pale "around our Settlements. How are we "going to do it? As regards imports by "sea by the regular liners, it will be possible "to restrict them to a certain extent if the "steamship companies co-operate with the "authorities; but then it will be necessary "to extend to the masters of steamships the "right of searching baggage and cargo. "Will the passenger and the trader tolerate "the risks of such a search process? And "what will become of the trade? On land, "it will be totally impossible to prevent "smuggling."

Mr. HUTTENBACH goes on to describe how, if an outsider with a capital of $10,000 desires to increase his hoard by 10 per cent. (assuming this to be the premium on imported coin), he has only to carry his $10,000 to the contermINous frontiers of Kedah and Province Wellesley, and lay it down on the Kedah side of the line, about a yard from British territory. He carries over $8—$25 being the limit in silver coin for import and export allowed by the Ordinance—and hands it to his confederate in Province Wellesley. He makes at least a hundred such trips per hour, netting a profit of $2.50 per trip. Starting at 5.30 o'clock a.m., he can have his $10,000 legally imported into the Straits Settlements by 9.30. "Each separate importation of $25 could "certainly not be stopped, and this being "so it will be easy to pay a safe game "by providing for immediate exchange, "either by merchandise or drafts. To pre-"vent this, the Bill would have to be charged "so as to include the seller and abettor. "Truly it [illegible] "lets under the wheels, rolling it into "contemption, if not in arbitrary handling "of the law."

Proceeding with his attack, Mr. HUTTENBACH says:—"The Bill is alleged by "intended to regulate the importation of "coins. In reality it endeavours to pro-"hibit the importation so as to bring about "a drain of the old currency through an "extensive export of British and Mexican "dollars—the whole ultimately to feed to "the change of currency. But even if "smuggling can be prevented, that drain "will not take place. The object, the "essence of the recommendations, will not "be realised. Money-mills move independent "and irrespective of the wills of Govern-"ments or Government Committees. Its "current cannot be stopped, its course "cannot be deviated by legislation irre-"spective of commercial laws. That is "evidenced by the fact that our local dollar "is already now at a substantial premium "as compared with the value of silver, while "the Commission's recommendations were "based on our remaining at par until the "process of demonetisation is begun . . . "If a premium has been caused already, "there is sure to be one when the measure is "put into full effect. And the existence of a "premium without smuggling is alone "sufficient to prevent the drain, and thus "the change of currency on which the "whole scheme rests. Nobody, except "perhaps the Government, will export "dollars if he gets 10 or perhaps 20 per "cent. less for them outside of the Colony "than inside."

And so, for these and for other reasons, Mr. HUTTENBACH fears that the passage of the Ordinance may mark a turning-point in the prosperity of the Straits Settlements; and he therefore calls on those who believe in the cry "The Hinterland with the Straits!" to act at once. The *Straits Times*, endorsing at least part of Mr. HUTTENBACH'S argument, calls too for the embracing of the hinterland in the proposed financial change. "We are here in the midst of a community "using both British and Mexican dollars"; says our contemporary. "Our hinterland, "our source of supply, our source of wealth "uses those dollars. We cut off a few tens "of millions of the existing and ever-in-"creasing supply, and we fancy that we can "isolate our own little $30,000,000 and "keep out the $1,600,000,000 that circulate "outside. Perhaps we can." But there is evidently much in that "perhaps."

To-day is Michaelmas Day. Thirty-eight years ago a great hurricane swept over Manila on this date and caused immense damage to shipping.

Two cases of plague and one of cholera occurred during the week ending the 26th inst., all fatal. Yaumati supplied one of the plague cases and No. 3 Health District the other.

Rear-Admiral Evans, R.S.N., announces in a fleet circular that the next target-practice of the U.S. Asiatic fleet will take place in Manila Bay, probably, during the coming winter.

Mr. George Gilchrist, of Manila, and Mrs. Harriet Susan Langford, formerly of Singapore, were married at the British Consulate, Manila, on the 25th inst., Mr. J. H. Kenny, the consul, officiating.

H.M. battleship *Glory*, with Admiral Sir Cyprian A. G. Bridge, K.C.B., on board, arrived early yesterday morning from Weihaiwei. The despatch boat *Alacrity* sailed for Singapore later in the day.

In the final for the Tennis Championship of the Craigengower C.C. (singles), with which goes a silver cup, Mr. A. O. Brawn defeated Mr. F. Rapp by 6-4 10-8, and 6-4. The games commenced late on Saturday afternoon.

All the minor officials and runners of the Board of Punishment at Peking are reported to have a superstitious horror of the chamber where Shen Ke-Wei was murdered, and hate to pass it. The *P. & T. Times* reporting this adds: "We are glad to hear it."

By-laws made under the Federated Malay States jinrikisha enactment for the chief towns in Selangor provide for licensing and registration of rikisha pullers. They are to wear badges, pay $1 a year, and may have "finger-impressions" taken for the licence and its counterfoil.

Collector Shuster, has recommended to the Philippines Civil Commission that the three following places be made ports of entry: Cape Melville, at Balabag; Porta Princesa, at Puragna; and Bongao, on the island of the same name. The close vicinity of these places to Borneo makes it desirable that they should be ports of entry.

It is understood, says the *Singapore Free Press*, that four Chinamen have been arrested in connection with the audacious robbery of $3,000 worth of jewelry from the Misdames Minjoot and Siu Is on the Ampang Road, Kwala Lumpur, early this month. Inspector Robillard of the Selangor Police is reported to have made the arrests and recovered $2,000 worth of the missing jewelry in a pawnshop.

If all reports are true, writes the Sandakan correspondent of the *Singapore Free Press*, the matter of the N.D.L. opposition is now fixed, and the Chinese will have the *Ban Poh Guan* up to Sandakan about every three weeks for the next two years certain, or some other steamer if she is found too large or too small. In addition the same Company's steamer, the *Nam Yong*, will bring up cargo on her way to the Celebes.

Twenty-four Chinese employees were taken off the U. S. chartered transport *Kingsley* on the 21st inst. because the British Consul refused to be any longer responsible for them, as a transport calls, while on inter-island duty, in many ports where an illegal landing could easily be effected. The Chinese were taken in charge by the Immigration Bureau, and they will be returned to Hongkong at the earliest opportunity.

Mr. A. H. Stewart, Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms in the U.S. Senate, who has been visiting the Philippines to study the working of the Chinese Exclusion Act, is expected, when he returns to the States, to recommend the abolition of the Act as far as it concerns the Philippines. The existing treaty between the United States and China expires next year and the question of exclusion is sure to receive full consideration before the new treaty is made.

The *Manila Cablenews* of the 23rd inst. reports that Mr. J. W. Bolles, resident manager at Hongkong of the Standard Oil Company, gave a dinner on the previous night at the Oriente Hotel, at which the most distinguished guest was Commissioner Ide. The others present, besides the hosts, were P. G. McDonnell, of the Municipal Board; Captain Cole, of the Quartermaster's Department, U. S. Army; Mr. and Mrs. Weaver, Mr George Denny, representing the Associated Press in the Philippines, and Mr. Craft, also of the Standard Oil Company.

The usual Sunday cheap excursion trips to Macao and back by the steamer *Wingchai* continue to be well patronised. There are many visitors now staying at Macao, the hotels being full. Those who made the trip by the *Wingchai* on Sunday, were favoured with ideal weather and had a very pleasant trip out and back. As our Macao correspondent observed in his letter published last week, Macao is now at its best, or very near it; and consequently the number of Sunday excursionists from Hongkong may be expected to become increasingly large as the autumn advances. Next Sunday one of the periodical religious processions through the streets of Macao takes place. These spectacles never fail to attract a large crowd from Hongkong by the excursion boats.

Mrs. Jefferson Davis, widow of the famous Confederate President, is reported critically ill.

H.M. ships *Thetis*, *Phœnix*, *Vestal*, and *Rinaldo* left Shanghai on the 21st inst. for a cruise up the Yangtsze.

Dr. S. B. Rossiter, of New York, has been appointed pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Manila.

The Philippines Opium Commission is to visit Java next and then to complete its investigations at Singapore.

A telegram states that the Pope has appointed Father Wilpert, proto-notary, as Secretary of State to succeed Cardinal Rampolla.

An unverified rumour is current in Manila that Mr. Dean C. Worcester has cabled to Governor Taft his resignation of his place on the Philippines Commission.

Ko Feng-shih, Governor-designate of Kwangsi, after handing over the seals of the Kiangsi governorship, is expected to leave Nanchang for his new post almost immediately, owing to urgent telegrams from Viceroy Shum.

According to Manila papers, it is believed that Cardinal Gibbons has effected a settlement of the question of the Friars' lands in the Philippines. Governor Taft offered between $5,000,000 and $6,000,000, but the Friars claimed $12,000,000, which the authorities thought unreasonable. What the sum decided on is likely to be is not reported.

Three Americans broke out of Malahi Island prison the other day and swam across the lake to a point near Jalajala, Rizal Province, P. I., but fell in with a band of natives who, seeing them unarmed, attacked and captured them. One was killed, one escaped and surrendered to the U. S. authorities, and the third is missing. Constabulary and troops were sent in pursuit of the murderers.

The estimated population of the whole of the Straits Settlements for the year 1902 was 581,219. The births registered were 14,521 and the deaths 24,970; giving respectively birth and death rates of 24.98 and 42.96 per thousand. In 1901 the births numbered 14,568, or 25.37 per thousand, and the deaths 22,876 or 39.85 per thousand. The estimated population of Penang was 129,462; of these 1,004 were Europeans and 1,675 Eurasians. The estimated population of Province Wellesley was 116,267, an increase of 8.96 on the previous year; and for Malacca, 96,259, an increase of over 1,000.

The new Law Courts at Penang were opened on the 17th inst. by the Chief Justice, Sir Lionel Cox. The buildings are probably about the handsomest Law Courts in the Far East, and are of the Tuscan order of architecture. On the upper floor are two courts 70ft. by 50ft., with 10-feet wide verandahs, whilst the ground floor has a wide entrance hall, offices of the Solicitor-General, Assistant Registrar, Sheriff, Clerks, etc., in addition to lock-up, etc. The original estimate of the cost was $150,000 and the local contract $89,900. The buildings will be extended next year, a library and bar-room being added.

The *Deutsch Asiatische Warte* of the 19th September wrote:—After very lengthy discussions, the building of the long-wished-for and much-talked-of hotel on the bathing strand will at last become a fact, the Tsingtao Hotel Company having undertaken to erect the same, and work is to commence next month. We understand that the building will be a two-storied one, with a spacious hall, bar-room, saloon, ladies' room, reading-room, etc., and the upper floor will contain fourteen double rooms with bath rooms attached. The hotel, situated in the centre of a spacious garden with seventy mètres frontage, surrounded by a verandah five mètres in width, will prove a boon to the summer visitors, who, to all appearance, will come to Tsingtao next year in considerable numbers.

REVOLT OF RICKSHA-PULLERS.

Only two prosecutions resulted from Saturday's strike of ricksha-coolies, these being for assault and intimidation. Mr. Kemp at the Magistracy yesterday dealt with the cases, particulars of which appear in another column.

The threat by the police of cancelling the owners' and the coolies' licences, besides deporting the latter, had the desired effect, and on Sunday morning the full number of rickshas were again running.

MR. CARNEGIE'S GIFT TO MANILA.

The *Cablenews* announces that Mr. Andrew Carnegie has offered to give a donation of $100,000 for the building of a public library in Manila. The donation is to be placed in the hands of the trustees of the existing American Library, which our Manila contemporary describes as having a "book-power" of 21,000 volumes, and a "library plant" in most excellent working condition. It is understood that the condition imposed by Mr. Carnegie is that the Government shall contribute the site for the building and pay for its maintenance.

LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The M.M. steamer *Ernest Simons*, with the next French mail, left Singapore on the 28th inst., at 3 p.m., for this port *via* Saigon.

The C.P.R. steamer *Empress of Japan* arrived at Nagasaki at 8 a.m. on the 28th inst., and left again at 5 p.m. same day for Kobe, where she is due to arrive at 5 a.m. to-morrow.

The P. & O. steamer *Shanghai* left Singapore for this port on the 26th inst., at 8 a.m.

The O.S.S. steamer *Calchas* left Singapore on the 26th inst., a.m., and may be expected here on the 1st prox.

The N.Y.K. steamer *Hiroshima Maru* (Bombay Line) left Kobe for this port *via* Moji on the 27th inst., and is expected here on the 4th prox.

TELEGRAMS.

"DAILY PRESS" SERVICE.

WRECK OF A MAIL STEAMER.

[FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.]

KOBE, 28th September, 12.50 p.m.

ANOTHER M. M. STEAMER IN TROUBLE.

The Messageries Maritimes Company's steamer *Australien* is fast on a rock 120 miles from Kobe, with a big hole in her. It is feared that she is in a difficult position. There were no casualties attending the wreck, and the passengers have all returned safely to Kobe.

[Shortly after the receipt of the above message yesterday afternoon, a note reached us from the local agent of the Compagnie des Messageries Maritimes in which he regretted to inform us that he had received telegraphic advice from Kobe to the effect that the s.s. *Australien*, while on her way from Kobe to Shanghai, went aground in the Inland Sea at a distance of about 120 miles from Kobe, but was expected to be floated in the afternoon of the same day. Another telegram received yesterday morning states that the *Australien* was still aground and had sustained rather serious damage to her hull. She will not proceed on her voyage, and the s.s. *Annam* will in consequence takes her place for the next homeward voyage to Europe with departure from Hongkong on the 6th October. The *Australien* will go to dock at Kure.—Ed. *D.P.*]

REUTER'S SERVICE.

AUTUMN TOUR OF INDIA'S VICEROY.

LONDON, 26th September.

In the autumn, the Viceroy of India will visit Muscat and the ports in the Persian Gulf, escorted by the Admiral and a number of ships of the East Indian Squadron, to inspect the Indian political posts there and to visit the chiefs on the Arab shores who are in treaty with Great Britain. Sir Arthur Hardinge, British Minister at Teheran, will meet the Viceroy at the entrance of the Gulf.

THE NEW CABINET.

LONDON, 26th September.

Mr. Balfour is still at Balmoral.

THE BALKAN TROUBLES.

LONDON, 26th September.

The Sultan has appointed a Reform Commission, consisting of one Mussulman and four Christians, with Hilmi Pasha as President.

POLLARD COMEDY COMPANY AT THE THEATRE ROYAL.

"ARE YOU A MASON?"

The Pollard Comedy Company added another to their list of successes last night when they produced *Are You a Mason?* It has been seen before in Hongkong, and perhaps if comparison were instituted as against the Brough presentment there would be a consensus of opinion in favour of the latter. But "comparisons are odious," and an audience that attends a theatre to witness a piece does not go by them. Suffice it that the company who produce the piece are considered on their own merits *maugre* precedent. And judged by that standard the Pollard Comedy Company acquitted themselves last evening with great credit. The climax of the first act, upon which the curtain falls, was not as well developed and improved upon as was possible; and certainly it is the crowning point of the whole comedy where Amos Bloodgood, the sham G.M., meets with his equally shamming brother Mason (and son-in-law) Frank Perry. However, as the plot was drawn out and the ludicrous positions that the principals got themselves into were made patent, the Company warmed to their work, and till the fall of the curtain finally the audience laughed heartily over the comic difficulties that beset the redoubtable couple who posed as Masons and whose sins ultimately found them out. Excepting one or two small things that went to mar the *ensemble*, or rather that kept it from keeping to concert pitch, the individual acting of the Company was splendid. Mr. Edward Nable as Amos Bloodgood again gave evidence of his high capabilities as a comedian. Mr. Wentworth Watson was uniformly clever as Frank Perry. Mr. Alfred Tullett, who appears to improve in every new appearance, made a hit in the rôle of George Fisher, and too much can hardly be said in praise of Mr. R. W. Ellison's John Halton or of Mr. Harold Carr's Hamilton Travers (an actor). Among the ladies of the cast there was little of acting that called for attention. Miss Lawrence and Miss Tempest did well what was required of them, but first honours unquestionably fell to Miss Blanche Clements in the small part of the servant Lottie. In the course of the evening Miss Tempest, who was in fine voice, sang Tosti's "Good-bye," a selection that delighted the house.

To-night *Are You a Mason?* will be repeated, and Miss Tempest will again sing Tosti's "Good-bye." To-morrow and on Thursday there will be staged *Why Smith Left Home*.

HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the members of the Cricket Club was held yesterday evening in the Cricket Pavilion. Mr. E. W. Mitchell, President, presided over a large attendance of members.

The Hon. SECRETARY (Mr. A. G. Ward) having read the notice calling the meeting,

The CHAIRMAN said the first business before the meeting was the consideration of the report and the accounts, which he would take as read. An item which had appeared regularly for getting on for 20 years was wanting in the present account—he referred to "Pension for Olo Man" The "Olo" he referred to joined the great majority about the end of last year; he was for many years ground man for the club, and was well known and respected by the cricketers of the seventies and early eighties. The Club started the year with a credit balance of $1,379 and closed with a cash balance of $2,428, and $768 yet to be collected, $3,196. $819 was a large amount to be outstanding, but the Secretary assured him that it was good money, and that some $230 had been collected since these accounts were made up. With regard to the working of the bar, he was glad to say they have had no complaints of bad liquors—it paid its way, which was satisfactory, but he had hoped for better financial results from this source. They would notice there had been an increase of wages to the staff generally, and owing to malaria at the Racquet Courts they had had to provide quarters outside for the staff there. At the request of some of the members the ground was opened during the summer for lawn bowls, but as far as he could gather there had not been much enthusiasm shown in the game except by Mr. Justice Wise, Messrs. Northcote and Chapman. Last May they received an invitation from the S.C.C. to send a cricket team to Shanghai, and as they all knew a team would leave on the 7th October. The XI. chosen were—Mr. R. Hancock (capt.), Mr. J. T. Dixon, Mr. H. Hancock Mr. R. E. O. Bird, Mr. H. Arthur, Lt. Lumsden, R.A., Lt. Smith, R.A., Mr. C. R. S. Cooper, Mr. A. G. Ward, Mr. W. C. D Turner, and Mr. T. E. Pearce. Taking the team all round they were a good level lot and should give a good account of themselves up north, but whether they won or whether they lost he was sure they would prove themselves worthy representatives of the H.K.C.C. (Applause.) In conclusion he proposed the adoption of the report and accounts.

Mr. COOPER seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

Mr. F. B. DEACON moved that Mr. Mitchell be re-elected President.

Mr. R. K. LEIGH seconded and the motion was agreed to.

The following were elected by ballot to fill the vacancies on the committee:—Messrs. R. Hancock, F. Maitland, P. W. Goldring, Lt. Rimington, S.F., Lt. Sollitt, R.N., Messrs. H. Arthur, J. P. Dixon and A. Mackenzie.

The CHAIRMAN stated that the ground would be opened to members on Monday, 5th October, and to play the usual match, 1st XI. *v.* All-comers, on the following Saturday. It was customary to open the ground on 1st October, but in view of the importance of special practice for the team proceeding to Shanghai he was sure members would not grudge the reserving of the ground for four days over the usual time. A match would be played on Saturday, the 3rd October, between the team for Shanghai and the best eleven that could be raised against them.

PAVILION SCHEME.

The CHAIRMAN then went on to refer to the scheme for the erection on the N.W. corner of the ground of a new pavilion, plans of which were on view before the meeting, the estimated cost being $20,000, to be met by the issue of debentures. The scheme, he said, was not a committee scheme altogether, but had been put forward just to see what the members thought about it. To repair the existing building would cost $5,000.

Mr. W. B. DIXON, speaking as an old cricketer, said the present pavilion did not meet his idea of what a cricket pavilion should be. In the plans of the proposed new pavilion, however, the lavatories, etc., seemed to take up too large a space, and the scoring arrangements were capable of improvement. The telegraph board should be centrally situated and visible from all parts of the ground.

Mr. P. W. GOLDRING said he was very much opposed to the new pavilion scheme. $30,000 was a great deal more than the Club could afford to spend on a pavilion or anything else. Supposing that sum were spent there would be the greatest difficulty in paying it back, even in paying the interest. Something must be done, he agreed, but the expenditure to begin with should be very much smaller. The present pavilion could be put in repair or another pavilion built, but the expenditure should not exceed $6,000 or $7,000, and the building should be a one-storeyed building with a flat roof.

Mr. E. H. HINDS supported Mr. Goldring. He doubted whether the Club would be able to pay the interest on the proposed issue of debentures.

Mr. R. K. LEIGH, while agreeing that Mr. Ram had given them a very pretty design of a pavilion, was of opinion that a suitable building could be provided for $20,000. The dressing rooms should be on the ground floor, and there should be a separate staircase leading to the roof, which should be flat for the convenience of spectators viewing the matches, and which should be provided with a verandah and protected from the weather.

His Honour A. G. WISE suggested that the matter should be referred to the committee in

order to see if the money could be raised at all on the debentures. He very much doubted whether they would ever get $25,000 or $30,000.

The CHAIRMAN said he thought Mr. Justice Wise's suggestion a good one, and that the matter should be referred to the committee.

His Honour A. G. WISE—What is the security you offer?

The CHAIRMAN—None whatever.

Mr. A. SHELTON HOOPER suggested that it be left to the committee to consider ways and means and see what possibility there was of the debentures being taken up.

Mr. GOLDRING moved that the matter be referred to the committee for them to consider ways and means and the three alternatives—that we shall carry out the plan as submitted in the paper sent to members, that a new pavilion shall be erected in the N.W. corner of the grounds, and that the present pavilion shall be repaired, (b) and that the committee shall invite tenders for which of these three schemes they, after mature deliberation, consider will be most satisfactory and beneficial to the interests of the Club.

This motion was agreed to unanimously and the committee was empowered to invite such members of the Club as they thought fit to join the Committee and advise them in the matter.

This was all the business.

PAKHOI.

[FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.]

Pakhoi, Sept. 23rd.

DEATH OF MARSHAL FUNG.

Telegraphic advices have been received here announcing the death of Fung *Kungpao* or Marshal Fung, which took place at Nanning, on the 17th or 18th instant. The deceased, who was 86 years of age, had been ailing for some time, and the present disturbed state of Kwangsi must have been preying on his mind to accelerate his death.

AFFAIRS IN YAMCHOW.

The exodus of women, children and others from Yamchow continues. It is worthy of note in this connection that while some merchants are ordering back the goods they had forwarded to Yamchow some time ago for fear of the rebels, others are sending their goods thither as if the country was in a peaceful condition as of yore.

H.K.F.C. SIX-A-SIDE MATCHES.

Last evening the opening games for the Six-a-side Challenge Cup and Medals took place at Happy Valley. The play evidenced that the season is just beginning, the four teams engaged being quite done up when the whistle sounded full time, after half-an-hour's play.

J. W. C. Bonnar's side scored against W. W. Clark within five minutes of the opening. Another goal was added just on the call of time. Result—Bonnar, 2 goals; Clark, nil. The teams were as follows:—W. W. Clark (Capt.), O. J. Barnes, W. A. Croke, L. Chesney, R.E., H. P. Chard, and J. Bousstow. J. W. C. Bonnar (Capt.), H. S. Holmes, C. Humphreys, F. D. Bahn, A. R. Rogers, R.N., and W. A. Stopani.

W. G. Worcester and H. A. Brent could not effect a decision, the game resulting in a draw, no score. The sides were as follows:—H. A. Brent (Capt.), H. S. Gaskell, R.E., J. M. Forrester, W. R. Rowley, R.N., P. H. Campbell, R.E., and J. H. R. Hance. W. G. Worcester (Capt.), A. Boyd, Dr. Kew, H. C. Sandford, C. C. Hickling, and A. O. Brown.

On Wednesday the matches will be Kew v. Darby and Wolfe v Bonnar.

ARMS FOR KWANGSI.

According to the *N.-C. Daily News*, it is reported from reliable sources in Canton mandarin circles that, having nearly exhausted all the modern arms and ammunition available in the Canton arsenals and ordnance godowns of that province, as well as drawn freely upon the arsenals in Shanghai, Nanking, and Wuchang, the total number in rifles from the above places being nearly 164,000, with sufficient ammunition amounting to 60 cartridges for each rifle, Viceroy Shum has lately further applied to the high authorities of Foochow for more arms and ammunition. In compliance with H.E.'s request twenty-five large sea-going cargo-junks were despatched from Foochow about ten days ago (the *N.-C. Daily News* wrote on the 22nd inst.) for the South, laden with no less than 12,000 rifles and a considerable amount of ammunition. The junks were escorted by a couple of Government cruisers. It is stated that two more instalments comprising 30,000 more rifles are to follow the first. This will enable Viceroy Shum to have within a short time no less than 280,000 good serviceable rifles of modern make available for use in Kwangsi province, and in this number are included also the modern arms of precision already in Kwangsi when H.E. arrived there nearly three months ago. Besides these small arms, Viceroy Shum, who is an enthusiastic admirer of rapid-fire field guns, has at the present moment no less than seventy-six of them of various calibres, ranging from fifteen pounders to forty-five pounders of the Armstrong type, whilst among this number are also twenty-nine Krupp guns of modern make. All of these field-pieces are well provided with smokeless powder, shell case shot, and shrapnels. Batteries have been formed and the gunners are being constantly drilled and exercised by experienced instructors. It is stated that, not counting a reserve of 40,000 men, the Viceroy anticipates to be able to put in the field 160,000 well-armed, well-drilled and well-paid troops by the beginning of next spring.

NORTHERN NOTES.

The following items are from the *P. & T. Times* of the 17th inst.:—

A shrine inside the City near the Chen Men which was associated with the Boxer trouble, and which Chen Pi ordered to be destroyed, is now being restored, the caretaker being an ex-Boxer leader. The incident is regarded with some anxiety in certain Chinese circles.

Mrs. Archibald Little, whose *Life of Li Hung-chang* is to appear in England this autumn, has been busying herself whilst in the north of China with preparing a guide to Peking and the neighbourhood. This will be a boon to travellers, and supply a long-felt want.

We understand, on very good authority, that Colonel Browne, R.E., who was in China as Director of Railways during the military occupation, was offered the position now held by Colonel T. R. Wynne in the Chinese Engineering and Mining Co., but for some reason the matter fell through. Colonel Wynne has been asked to stay on till March, 1904.

Mr. J. Kerston has just arrived for the Company as Inspector of Coal Mines. Mr. L. Boulanger has also come out as engineer for Linsi, in place of Mr. von der Taelon, who goes home. The above news we received too late for confirmation, but we imagine, from the source derived, it is absolutely correct.

A new American Lodge of Freemasons will be opened in Tientsin during the coming month, under the name of Pei-ho (North River) Lodge, a dispensation for same having been received from the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, U.S.A., which also appoints Mr. Lyle G. Emery first W. M.; Mr. Charles F. Gammon first S. W., and Mr. Lewis Erzel first J. W. The list of charter members includes the names of Americans in Peking, as well as Tientsin, among them that of Minister Conger. Pei-ho Lodge will begin its work as soon as possible. A second American Lodge has been opened in Shanghai under the name of Orient. Pei-ho Lodge dates its existence one day previous to Orient Lodge, and is, therefore, the second American Lodge to be opened in China. The two additional lodges will warrant the opening of a District Grand Lodge in Shanghai.

There are persons who still maintain that the order for Shen Ke-wei to be beaten to death was not given by the Empress Dowager but by some official in her name. We may point out that we have made careful enquiry and ascertain that beating to death is a punishment practically unknown in Chinese official and judicial circles, and is therefore not a punishment which would suggest itself. It is, however, a Court punishment, and one which the Empress Dowager, as the head of that Court, has meted out for the punishment of eunuchs and other Court offenders at least four or five times in her life, and it would not be as alien to her as to the official world, and to fix the responsibility of the deed at her door is not therefore the act of injustice that some would have us believe.

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LD.

The following is the report for presentation to the shareholders at the twenty-second ordinary general meeting, to be held at the offices of the general agents, on Thursday, the 22nd October, at noon:—

1902 ACCOUNT.

The result of the year's working is a credit balance of $36,551.96, out of which, and with the approval of the shareholders, it is proposed to pay a dividend of 30 per cent. (=$15 per share), to add $50,000 to the reserve fund, raising the latter to $1,300,000, to appropriate $50,000 for the formation of a re-insurance fund, and to carry forward the balance of $110,551.96 to the current year's account.

1903 ACCOUNT.

The working of the office compares favourably with that of last year at a similar period.

CONSULTING COMMITTEE.

Since the last meeting Mr D. M. Moses has resigned his seat. To meet this vacancy Mr. E. Shellim was nominated and his appointment requires the confirmation of shareholders. The present members, The Hon. Sir Paul Chater, C.M.G., Messrs. D. E. Brown, F. Maitland, J. H. Lewis, and E. Shellim, retire, but offer themselves for re-election.

AUDITORS.

The accounts have been audited by Messrs. W. H. Potts and R. Chatterton Wilcox, and their re-election is recommended.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Agents.

Hongkong, 26th September, 1903.

The accounts are as follows:—

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT for the year ending 31st December, 1902.

LIABILITIES		$ c.
Capital subscribed	$2,500,000.00	
Amount paid-up		500,000.00
Reserve fund		1,250,000.00
Outstanding dividends		7,046.00
Accounts payable		120,000.00
Balance of working account, 1902		360,551.96
		$2,237,597.96

ASSETS.	$ c.
Cash, on current account with Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation	133,842.67
Fixed deposits, with banks in Hongkong	225,000.00
Mortgages and debentures, in Hongkong and Shanghai	1,393,756.86
Chinese Imperial Government loan, 1896	51,388.10
United States bonds (4 per cent. loan, 1925)	400,000.00
Interest accrued but not yet payable	33,610.33
	$2,237,597.96

WORKING ACCOUNT, 1902.

	$ c.
To amount brought forward from last account	80,056.90
To net premia received, less returns and re-insurances	1,527,573.41
To exchange	6,839.92
To interest	148,068.53
To transfer fees	48.00
	$1,762,586.85

	$ c.
By losses and claims paid	1,162,052.93
By charges, including directors', auditors' and survey fees, agents' expenses, &c.	101,480.30
By commissions	138,501.66
By balance as above	360,551.96
	$1,762,586.85

POLICE COURT.

Monday, 28th September.

BEFORE MR. T. SERCOMBE SMITH (POLICE MAGISTRATE).

ALLEGED MISAPPROPRIATION OF H.K.V.C. FUNDS.

John Power, Sergt.-Major, H.K.V.C., pleaded not guilty to the charge of, between the 12th and 18th inst., misappropriating the sums of $258.17 and $206.76, these being in his possession on account of the Hongkong Volunteer Corps. The case was remanded until Friday. Defendant applied for bail, the granting of which was objected to by Mr. E. R. Hallifax, Acting Captain Superintendent of Police.

UNLAWFUL POSSESSION.

In a marine store dealer's shop, 168, Reclamation Street, Yaumati, belonging to Lo Man Tak, 30 fathoms of 6-inch rope, valued at $56, and 55 pounds of copper wire, worth $13, were found by P. S. Kerr of the Water Police while looking for stolen property. Receiving the articles knowing them to have been stolen procured for Lo Man Tak four months' hard labour, and for not entering the goods in his books, $50 or three months. Defendant admitted to a previous conviction.

OPIUM PROSECUTIONS.

Ten cases of unlawful possession of opium, both prepared and crude, were dealt with, and proved. The largest penalty was $100, or three months.

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE.

With a view to terminating his existence a Chinese swallowed a quantity of opium. He was still very much alive yesterday, however, and was bound over in a personal bond of $100, and two securities of $50 each, in default 21 days' imprisonment.

ASSAULTING A CONSTABLE.

While arresting a coolie in Cameron Road, Kowloon, at 3.45 a.m., on Sunday, an European Police Sergeant was assaulted by the coolie, for which offence he was fined $25 or six weeks' hard labour.

DRUNK, ETC.

Several cases of drunk and incapable were before His Worship, and the punishments were made to fit the crimes. One man told a yarn to the effect that while he was standing outside the Main Hotel, a lady fell out of a rickshaw, and being naturally of a polite disposition he picked up the lady and replaced her in the rickshaw. While so doing, the constable came along and arrested him. $5 or 14 days.

LARCENY.

Climbing rain-pipes as a form of exercise is getting popular among the Chinese. This was the method used by a native to secure a blanket, but it did not long remain in his possession, as he was arrested on suspicion. A report being made that a blanket was missing from 130, Connaught Road Central, it was presumed that the blanket found and the one lost was identical. This view was taken by His Worship, who passed sentence on the pilferer of 30 days' hard labour.

Messrs. Gordon's premises at Shaukiwan Road were visited at 6 p.m. on Sunday by a coolie, who, with the aid of a hooked bamboo, pulled a drill through a window and made off with it. He was caught and sentenced to 30 days' hard labour.

BEFORE MR. J. H. KEMP (ACTING POLICE MAGISTRATE).

ASSAULT AND INTIMIDATION BY STRIKERS.

As a sequence to the strike of rickshaw-pullers on Saturday, a coolie was prosecuted by Mr. P. P. J. Wodehouse, Superintendent of Police, with intimidating and assaulting a coolie not on strike. Evidence was led that a Chinese policeman in plain clothes saw defendant throwing stones at a rickshaw-coolie, and on arresting the stone-thrower found in his hand more missiles. Mr. Hallifax stated that when the strike was reported at the Central, plain-clothes men were sent out to collect information. On the charge of intimidation the defendant received two months' hard labour, and for the assault $5 or 14 days—compensation for the damage done to the rickshaw to be paid out of the fine. His Worship said that this was more serious than a case of ordinary assault, because it prevented a man following his lawful occupation.

For the same offences another coolie was sentenced to three months' hard labour for assault and threatening, and $5 or 14 days for damaging a rickshaw.

THE ANGLO-CHINESE COMMERCIAL TREATY.

The *Universal Gazette* publishes a despatch issued from Peking by the Waiwupu to the different Custom authorities throughout the country, the gist of which is that the Waiwupu received a note from the British Minister, Sir Ernest Satow, on the 31st ult., stating that the commercial treaty between England and China had been ratified and exchanged, and with the exception of a few articles it would come into force immediately; the Minister therefore believed that the Waiwupu must have informed the high authorities of the different provinces to this effect. There were in the treaty several articles which were of especial importance, and the Minister wished the Waiwupu to draw the attention of the Provincial officials to these. They were: Article I., which referred to drawback certificates; Article XIV., with regard to rice exportation; and Article XVII., which stipulated that the Superintendents of the Nanyang and Peiyang trade were to establish within their respective jurisdictions bureaus for the registration of trade marks, these bureaus to be controlled by the Custom authorities. The Minister therefore wished the Waiwupu to request the said superintendents to carry out this stipulation immediately and to instruct the high authorities of the other provinces to give every protection to the trademarks of British goods, so that they might not be infringed by unscrupulous Chinese. The Minister further asked the Waiwupu for a reply as to when China would be ready to carry out her stipulations, in order that he might report the date to his own Government.

OUR PARIS LETTER.

Paris, 21st August, 1903.

A few hours more and the world will know the result, the verdict of the greatest and most sensational trial of the day, that of Mme. Humbert and her family. Since the arrest of the Humberts in Madrid, *La Grande Thérèse*, better known as Madame Humbert, has been looked upon as a mysterious personage; her attitude pending the trial has been deceiving. Her long-promised secret has not yet leaked out, she steadfastly refuses to speak until the very last moment, when she is expected to divulge not only where the millions are, why she and the rest of her family fled from this capital, but who the "Crawfords" really are, and one or two more very important announcements. Parisians are somewhat inclined to indulge in a laugh at the forthcoming revelations, and begin to doubt the existence of a secret. Yet it is quite possible that some unexpected fresh light may be thrown on the mystery which has so long "obscured" the life of Madame. Who knows but that it is wrong to laugh? Madame Humbert stated all along that she would "make it hot" for several persons; unless the "Crawfords" send the long-hoped-for millions into court they will certainly be exposed by *La Grande Thérèse*, who does not intend to shield anyone, in order to secure an acquittal. Again, it is not improbable that the revelations, whether true or not, which Madame will make in court, before the close of the trial, with reference to the Crawfords may necessitate a fresh trial. The constant reference to the Crawfords and the oft-occurring cry, throughout the case, that the millions will be brought into court before the trial is finished, are interpreted by many people as an attempt to blackmail some body. Numerous names are mentioned in the course of conversation. One daily paper, *l'Aurorité*, startled its readers by the following ingenious theory, declaring that the mysterious name is that of Lebaudy, the late millionaire. Madame referred to an allegation that she intends to make that she is the illegitimate daughter of M. Lebaudy, who was the real senior Crawford. It was the widow, Mme. Lebaudy, who lent her the bonds, eventually willed to become hers by M. Lebaudy, but left temporarily to his wife, with the sight of which she satisfied her pressing creditors. Whether this story is true or not, it accords to some measure with evidence recently given. Another story runs that a wealthy lady, whose name is not given, was persuaded by Madame Humbert to lend her (for a fee) ten precious bundles of bonds which she used on several occasions to show to creditors and lawyers, in order to convince them that she was every bit as rich as she always said she was. But when the capitalist heard that the safe was to be opened in the presence not of lawyers and of creditors only, but by the representatives of the law, she cried off her bargain, and refused to let Mme. Humbert have the bonds. The speech for the defence as delivered by Maitre Labori has continued since two days. The eloquence of the distinguished lawyer is undoubted, though long and tedious, his impassionated style is truly admirable, and carries away the audience. The jury may be excused for looking tired, for it is the eleventh day of the trial, and some of the speeches and pleadings are considered too long. The verdict is almost certain to be rendered late to-night, as it is believed the jury have made up their minds, and will only be too delighted to be at liberty. For all that, it does not follow that the famous secret will be made public. Madame delights in befooling people, in putting them off the scent, as it were, and may continue this game for a little while longer. If eloquence can work miracles, Maître Labori will save his clients. Opinion in Paris is not in favour of their acquittal; on the contrary their condemnation is fully expected. How can it be otherwise?

It is indeed very fortunate that neither the men nor sheep on board the *Suffren* were hurt in any way by being bombarded with live shells. Public opinion condemned the experiment from the first, but the Admiralty persisted in its determination to go on with the bombardment. Risky as the experiment was, the turrets of the *Suffren* resisted the shells of the *Massena* perfectly; this is all that the naval authorities were anxious to ascertain. The shells struck the turret, burst, and then fell into the sea; only two shells were fired at the turret. The sheep that were confined in the turret were taken out alive afterwards, and felt none the worse for their experience; some of the splinters from the live shells struck the *Massena*, M. Pelletan, the Minister of Marine, being quite close by at the time. The bombarded turret is reported to have worked perfectly after the firing, and to have turned as easily on its axis as if nothing had happened. The crew of the target ship the *Suffren* were under cover all the time; for all that, they felt greatly nervous pending the whole of the bombardment, lest any stray shell might come where they were. M. Tissier, Secretary of the Minister of Marine, in his report declares no accident occurred on either ship, that the turret of the *Suffren* showed wonderful resisting power, and that her engines were not in the least damaged. The *Suffren*, which returned to her anchorage after the shooting, is to experiment in a similar way shortly on the turrets of the *Massena*, thus returning the compliment—as harmlessly, it is to be hoped.

Outdoor sports have benefited considerably by the exchange visits of M. Loubet to London and that of His Majesty's to Paris. There is indeed a strong desire to imitate John Bull as much as possible, and French men have come to the conclusion that the best way to become as robust as Englishmen is to fall back on horse riding, cycling, pedestrian, and nautical exercises, fencing, shooting, wrestling, bowls tennis, cricket, &c. It is time French people became more manly. Up to the present Parisians have only "dabbled" with outdoor sports, but a more serious view of the latter will be taken in future. The skill and prowess on the part of the French for lawn tennis is readily acknowledged; the same remark applies to football; excellent teams now exist in Paris. The French are singularly adept in rowing, but it must be admitted that this pastime suffers owing to the craze for motoring and cycling. The French nation is undergoing a perceptible change for the better, so far as physical development is concerned.

Turkey's submission to Russia was a foregone conclusion; the arrival of a Russian squadron on the Turkish coast soon brought the Sultan to his senses. England, Austria, Italy and other Powers were on the eve of following Russia's example. The South of Europe could not be more agitated, and war between Bulgaria and Turkey is expected; other Balkan States are also disturbed, for which Turkey is to blame. Few sympathise with the Sultan, who is everlasting causing trouble of late, and were Turkey to be wiped out of the map of Europe to-morrow very little regret would be expressed. A great deal of trouble is anticipated in the near future in the Balkans. France will assume a neutral attitude, and let those that have a quarrel to settle fight it out among themselves. The Eastern situation is unquestionably very critical. Christians are indeed in danger, as they will be the first to be massacred. Turkey knows what to expect as soon as that happens; Russia is not the only country that has an account to settle with the Sultan, as he will find to his cost before long.

The marriage of M. Camille Pelletan, the well-known journalist and Minister of Marine, was a great event for Paris, and hearty congratulations were offered to both the Minister and his bride, Mlle. Denise, a schoolmistress. M. Pelletan had had his wavy hair cropped short for the memorable occasion, and looked the picture of happiness in his wedding raiment. The nuptial ceremony took place at two o'clock last Thursday at the Palais du Louvre. The Minister, whose studied indifference to personal appearance always caused no end of good-humoured banter in Paris, was all smiles as he kissed his future mother-in-law from his carriage. His good temper was angelic in the extreme, the more people shouted "Bravo, Pell tan!" the more he felt delighted, and shook hands with everybody; he was absolutely deaf to unkind remarks that day. The bride looked beautiful, dressed all in white, wearing orange blossom in her hair; she is a tall and decidedly handsome brunette of thirty-three summers, but looks much younger; her husband, the Minister, is 58. M. Combes, the Premier, acted as best man.

Nothing but abso[illegible] was uttered and expressed at the results of the sanitary ride. Several horses had to be killed, owing to their wounds, others were for a [illegible], but were not had enough to be s[illegible] here. The majority of spectators [illegible] the poor folk positively wild, as evidenced by their demonstrations; there was an [illegible] demonstration of appreciation every time a poor horse was brought in in a good state, while loud remarks of pity for the animals, and hooting, were indulged in, on the appearance of horses that had been most unmercifully treated. *Le Happé*, a horse belonging to Lieut. de Saint-Sauveur, died almost on arrival at the stable; lookers-on will never forget the sight of the poor dying brute, on its arrival at Trouville. The belly of this long, spare, dark brown horse was drawn in tight, exhibiting ribs, while its eyes were perfectly dead; not only was it lame, but tortured in an awful manner. The ride was simply madness, and ought not to have been allowed. So inhuman a spectacle is not again to be repeated.

The owner of a flower-stall near the Madeleine, who had been on the watch since some days for young thieves, succeeded in capturing a little boy who had taken a flower pot, and was walking away with it. The policeman who collared the child was struck by his looks, for, though poor, he was neatly dressed and looked honest. Questioned by the inspector at the station, the sobbing lad stated his name was André Bologne, and that his age was twelve. "I merely wanted to make my mother, who is an invalid in bed, a present, as it was her birthday; not having any money, I took the flower, which happened to be her favourite." A policeman was sent to the mother's address, and verified the truth of the boy's statement. The florist was moved to tears, made a present of the flower-pot to the lad, gave him two francs, and withdrew the charge. The mother has since received assistance, and the boy given work.

The weather is truly dreadful for this time of year, nothing but gales, and heavy rains every day from morn till night. Prayers for fine weather have become general; unfortunately, the latter have not been answered up to the present. Considerable ravages have taken place in the country, and Paris has become as bad as the weather. No immediate change is predicted; young people look forward to going back to school, if only as a distraction. Vacations have been completely spoilt this year, and money has been scarce, so say tradesmen. Farmers, though as severely hit as hop-growers, are losing no time, but, on the contrary, taking every advantage of the few hours of sunshine. The heavy rains have done considerable damage, and yields have been much below the average in many places.

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Hongkong, 29th September, 1903. [2721

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Fare (Return) $2.00

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Hongkong, 29th September, 1903. [2718

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction,
TO-MORROW (WEDNESDAY),
the 30th SEPTEMBER, 1903, at NOON, at No. 51, WYNDHAM STREET,
A QUANTITY OF OFFICE FURNITURE.

TERMS:—As Customary.

GEO. P. LAMMERT,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 29th September, 1903. [2719

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction,
on
THURSDAY,
the 1st OCTOBER, 1903, at 2.30 P.M., at his SALES ROOMS, Queen's Road,
SUNDRY HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, CARPETS and RUGS;
CROCKERY, GLASS and PLATED WARE, PIANO, BICYCLE, and COOKING STOVE, &c., &c., &c.

TERMS OF SALE.—As Customary.

V. I. REMEDIOS,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 29th September, 1903. [2720

PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS and CONDITIONS of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on MONDAY, the 5th day of OCTOBER, 1903, at 3 P.M., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of Crown Land at Shek Tong Tsui, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements N.	S.	E.	W.	Contents in Square ft.	Annual Rent	Upset Price
			ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.		$	$
Marine Lot No. 23		Praya Reclamation East side of Whitty Street, Shek Tong Tsui.	95	95	160	160	15,200	285	18,800

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No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements N.	N.W.	W.	S.W.	S.	S.E.	E.	N.E.	Contents in Square ft.	Annual Rent	Upset Price
			ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.		$	$
1	Inland Lot No. 1699	Near Peak Road	78	90	75	90	75	114	16	115	8,914	892	8,920
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Hongkong, 28th September, 1903. [2716

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To Japan	1.50
To Amoy	0.25
To Shanghai	0.45

New complete Lists will be distributed as soon as ready. In the meantime any further information may be obtained by applying to the Company's Office.

OLAF NIELSEN,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 29th September, 1903. [2725

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW.

THE Company's Steamship

"HAILOONG,"

Captain Evans, will be despatched for the above port TO-MORROW, the 30th inst., at DAYLIGHT.

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Hongkong, 29th September, 1903. [2722

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Hongkong, 29th September, 1903. [2

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship

"ARRATOON APCAR"

having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge will be landed at once, at Consignees' risk and expense.

Cargo remaining on board after 1 P.M., of the 1st October, will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited.

Consignees of Cargo from SINGAPORE and PENANG are requested to take IMMEDIATE delivery of their Goods from alongside, such Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the undersigned.

DAVID SASSOON & CO., LD.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 28th September, 1903. [2726

HONGKONG HOCKEY CLUB.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held at the HONGKONG CLUB TO-DAY (TUESDAY), the 29TH INST., at 5 o'clock.

T. C. GRAY,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 26th September, 1903. [2694

HONGKONG ST. ANDREWS SOCIETY.

THE TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the above SOCIETY will be held in the CITY HALL TO-DAY (TUESDAY), the 29TH INST., at 5.30 P.M. for the purpose of receiving the Annual Report, electing a Committee, and other business.

N. S. BROWN,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 23rd September, 1903. [2665

CYCLES.

JUST Received, "RAMBLER" CHAINLESS IMPROVED TWO-SPEED GEAR, COASTER BRAKE, SPRING FRONT FORK and CUSHION FRAME BICYCLES. The most up-to-date and most reliable Machine in the Market. Any person having once ridden a "Rambler" will not use any Machine of inferior make and quality. Bicycle sundries of all description kept in stock.

We also keep in hand a good stock of Electric Bells and Fittings, and also undertake to put up Electric Bells.

Typewriters cleaned and repaired at reasonable rates.

Rickshaw tyres kept in stock.

RAMSEY & CO.,
18, D'Aguilar Street.

Hongkong, 24th September, 1903. [2680

R. J. REMEDIOS,
FOREIGN AND COLONIAL STAMP DEALER,
No. 39, WYNDHAM STREET, HONGKONG,

Will be glad to send STAMPS on approval to any address on receipt of satisfactory references.

Is also prepared to purchase used POSTAGE STAMPS in Large or Small Quantities for Cash.

AGENTS WANTED.

15 to 25 per cent. Discount Allowed. [153

ENTERTAINMENTS

THEATRE ROYAL.

SOLE LESSEE...CHARLES A. POLLARD.

LAST FOUR NIGHTS
LAST FOUR NIGHTS OF
POLLARD'S
ENGLISH COMEDY CO.

Sixteen Popular Players, including the irresistible Comedian
EDWARD NABLE,

Notwithstanding the nightly increasing success of this truly Popular Company the Season will positively close on FRIDAY NEXT.

LAST OUR NIGHTS — TO-NIGHT, LAST NIGHT OF "ARE YOU A MASON?"
MISS MARJORIE TEMPEST will Sing
TOSTI'S "GOOD-BYE."
and
"THE BUMBLE BEE."

LAST FOUR NIGHTS — WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY,
LAST FOUR NIGHTS — "WHY SMITH LEFT HOME" "WHY SMITH LEFT HOME" "WHY SMITH LEFT HOME"

LAST FOUR NIGHTS — FRIDAY FAREWELL,
A BIG SPECIAL BILL.

All Productions under the Personal Supervision of
MR. EDWARD NABLE.

Prices $3, $2, and $1.

Plan at Robinson Piano Co's

Late Tram and Ferries will run after performance.

ALEC MIDDLETON,
Manager.

Hongkong, 29th September, 1903. [2712

DANCING.

MRS. DONALDSON (Daughter of Professor J. F. Wallace, of Rosemount Dancing Academy, Glasgow), has pleasure in informing the residents of Hongkong and district that she is opening DANCING CLASSES for BEGINNERS at the CITY HALL, on MONDAY, the 5TH OCTOBER. Great pains will be taken in training Pupils, and none but those really desirous of learning the art need enrol themselves, as discipline in the class-room is essential and will be insisted upon.

ADULT BEGINNERS' CLASSES.—MONDAY and THURSDAY, from 8.15 to 9.45 P.M.; Fee, $10 a month. SATURDAY, from 8.15 to 9.45 P.M.; Fee, $6 a month. (Pupils enrolled at the ROBINSON PIANO CO., LD.)

ADVANCED OR PRACTICE CLASS.—WEDNESDAY, from 8.15 to 9.45 P.M.; Fee, $7 a month.

JUVENILE BEGINNERS' CLASS.—SATURDAYS, from 3 to 5 P.M.; Fee, $6 a month.

NOTE.—When there are three children from one family, the third will be allowed half fee.

PRIVATE LESSONS given at hours to suit the convenience of pupils. For further information enquire of the ROBINSON PIANO CO., LIMITED.

Hongkong, 16th September, 1903. [2606

THE EASTERN EXTENSION AUSTRALASIA AND CHINA TELEGRAPH COMPANY, LIMITED.

REFERRING to the notice of the 25th of June last, the senders of Telegrams are hereby advised that from the 1ST OCTOBER next, the charges for Telegrams will, subject to revision after three months, be collected at the rate of FORTY-SIX CENTS to equal One Franc.

J. M. BECK,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 28th September, 1903. [2709

WANTED.

A SUITABLE OFFICE in a Central position, for the STOCKBROKERS' ASSOCIATION.
Apply to

E. S. JOSEPH,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 26th September, 1903. [2699

WANTED.

FOR Coast Port, an Experienced SHIPPING CLERK, good knowledge of French required.
Apply by letters only to—

"ORIENTALIS,"
Care of *Daily Press* Office.

Hongkong, 23th September, 1903. [2700

WANTED.

AN Expert LADY TYPEWRITER.
State Salary and Experience to—

A. I.,
Care of *Daily Press* Office.

Hongkong, 31st August, 1903. [2443

WANTED.

A CHINESE JUNIOR CLERK.—State age, qualifications and salary required to—

"X. Y. Z."
Care of *Daily Press* Office.

Hongkong, 23rd September, 1903. [2666

WANTED IMMEDIATELY.

ADVERTISER requires FURNISHED HOUSE for Six Months.
Apply—
"SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST, LD.,"
15, Connaught Road Central

Hongkong, 22nd September, 1903. [2652

BRITISH NORTH BORNEO GOVERNMENT.

WANTED.

A CHINESE OVERSEER of Public Works in Sandakan, about 25 years of age, with experience and able to do his own planning. Must speak and write English.

Salary ... ... $75 per mensem.
House Allowance "
Horse Allowance 15 "

Second-class passage provided to Sandakan. A trial of a few months will be given and if not satisfactory return passage paid.

Apply to—
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.

Hongkong, 4th September, 1903. [2493

PUBLIC COMPANIES

CHINA LIGHT AND POWER CO., LIMITED.

SHAREHOLDERS are reminded that the New Issue of Capital must be applied for before 1ST OCTOBER next, after which date any unallotted shares will be dealt with as laid down in the Articles of Association.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 24th September, 1903. [2679

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTIETH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the SOCIETY will be held at its HEAD OFFICE, No. 1, Queen's Buildings, Hongkong, on THURSDAY, the 8TH OCTOBER, 1903, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with Statements of Account for the year 1902 and for the half-year ending 30th June, 1903, and of declaring Dividends, etc.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from the 28TH SEPTEMBER to the 8TH OCTOBER, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
W. J. SAUNDERS,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 18th September, 1903. [2612

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE TWENTY-SECOND ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the OFFICES of the Undersigned at 12 o'CLOCK (Noon) on THURSDAY, the 22ND OCTOBER.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 8TH to the 22ND OCTOBER, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,
General Agents,
Canton Insurance Office Limited.

Hongkong, 26th September, 1903. [2711

HUMPHREY'S ESTATE AND FINANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of HUMPHREY'S ESTATE AND FINANCE COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICES, Nos. 38 and 40, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 31ST day of OCTOBER, 1903, at NOON, when the Subjoined Resolutions will be proposed, viz.:—

1. "That the Capital of the Company be increased from $1,000,000 (divided into 100,000 shares of $10 each) to $1,500,000 (divided into 150,000 shares of $10 each) by the creation of 50,000 new shares of $10 each to be offered and if accepted to be allotted to the present shareholders of the Company at par in the ratio and proportion of one new share for every two old shares in the Company held by the respective shareholders thereof, the amount payable on each of such new shares respectively to be paid at such time or times and in such manner as the Company by its General Managers may hereafter determine."
2. "That Article No. 82 of the Articles of Association of the Company be cancelled and the following Article substituted therefor:—
   "The remuneration of the General Managers shall be $4,000 per annum (which shall cover office rent but not salaries of Secretary and other employees) and a commission of 5 per cent. of the net profits of the Company for each year that such profits amount to 7 per cent. of the Capital of the Company."

Should the above Resolutions be duly passed they will be submitted for confirmation as Special Resolutions to a Second Extraordinary General Meeting which will be subsequently convened.

Dated this 24th day of July, 1903.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.

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HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE COMPANY LIMITED.

THE SHARE CERTIFICATE No. 4,672 for one hundred shares, numbered 37,601—37,700 inclusive, standing in the register in the name of Dr. THOMAS RENNIE of Foochow, having been lost, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that unless the said Certificate be produced at the offices of the Company, 38 and 40 Queen's Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, before 25th October 1903, a new certificate for the said shares will be issued and the old certificate will thereafter be held by the Company as null and void.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 23rd September, 1903 [2672

CIGARS.

BRITISH ORIENT TRADING CO.,
61A, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL,

Export Agents for specially selected brands of the BEST FACTORIES ONLY, offer the above for CASH at wholesale rates. Write or send for price list.

Hongkong, 28th September, 1903. [2706

BANK

IMPERIAL BANK OF CHINA

ESTABLISHED BY IMPERIAL DECREE OF THE 12TH NOVEMBER, 1896.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL..Shanghai Tls. 5,000,000
PAID-UP CAPITAL ... " 2,500,000

HEAD OFFICE—SHANGHAI.

BRANCHES AND AGENCIES.

Canton	Peking
Chefoo	Penang
Hankow	Singapore
Tientsin.	

The Bank purchases and receives for collection Bills of Exchange drawn on the above places, and sells Drafts and Telegraphic Transfers payable at its Branches and Agencies.

HONGKONG BRANCH.

Advances made on approved securities. Bills Discounted.

INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS
At 2% per annum on Current Account daily balances.
3% per annum on Fixed Deposits for 3 months
4% " " " " " 6 "
5% " " " " " 12 "

E. W. RUTTER
Manager.

Hongkong, 1st January, 1901. 123

BANKS

GUARANTY TRUST COMPANY OF NEW YORK (AMERICAN BANK).

ESTABLISHED 1864.

PAID-UP CAPITAL .....U.S. $2,000,000 Gold
SURPLUS AND UNDIVIDED PROFITS ..... " 5,180,000 "
" $7,180,000 "

HEAD OFFICE—NEW YORK.

LONDON OFFICE—33 & 35, Lombard St., E.C.
F. C. BISHOP, Manager, Eastern Department.

LONDON BANKERS—PARR'S BANK, LD.

HONGKONG OFFICE—4, DES VŒUX ROAD.
General Banking and Exchange business transacted.
INTEREST allowed at Current Rates.

E. F. GROS,
Acting Manager.

Hongkong, 1st December, 1902. [1889

THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK LIMITED.

ESTABLISHED 1880.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED ...	Yen	24,000,000
CAPITAL PAID-UP	"	18,000,000
CAPITAL UNCALLED	"	6,000,000
RESERVE FUND.....	"	9,210,000

HEAD OFFICE—YOKOHAMA.

BRANCHES AND AGENCIES.

Tokio	Kobe	Nagasaki
London	Lyons	New York
San Francisco	Honolulu	Bombay
Shanghai	Tientsin	Newchwang
	Peking	

LONDON BANKERS.
THE LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LIMITED
PARR'S BANK, LIMITED.
THE UNION OF LONDON AND SMITHS BANK, LIMITED.

HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED.
On Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.
On fixed deposits for 12 months 5% per annum
" " " " 6 " 4% " "
" " " " 3 " 3% " "

TARO HODSUMI
Manager.

Hongkong, 11th September, 1903. [820

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA LIMITED.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL.....£1,000,000
PAID-UP CAPITAL .....£ 324,374

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
CHAN KIT SHAN, Esq. | J. S. Harston, Esq
CHOW TUNG SHANG, Esq. | J. LAUTS, Esq.
Chief Manager,
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

Interest for 12 Months Fixed.....5%

Hongkong, 12th May, 1903. 21

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE Business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed at 3½ PER CENT. per annum.

Depositors may transfer at their option balances of $100 or more to the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK to be placed on FIXED DEPOSIT at 4 PER CENT. per annum.

For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.
J. R. M. SMITH,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 1st May, 1902. [20

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL $10,000,000
RESERVE FUND—
STERLING RESERVE...$10,000,000
SILVER RESERVE ... 6,000,000
.....$16,000,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROP'TORS.$10,000,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS.
A. J. RAYMOND, Esq.—Chairman.
H. E. TOMKINS, Esq.—Deputy Chairman.

Hon. C. W. Dickson,	N. A. Siebs, Esq.
E. Goetz, Esq.	H. W. Slade, Esq.
C. Michelsen, Esq.	C. A. Tomes, Esq.
H. Schubart, Esq.	E. S. Wheeler, Esq.
E. Shellim, Esq.	

CHIEF MANAGER:
Hongkong—J. R. M. SMITH

MANAGER:
Shanghai—H. M. BEVIS.

LONDON BANKERS—LONDON AND COUNTY BANKING COMPANY, LIMITED.

HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED.
On Current Account at the rate of Two per Cent. per Annum on the daily balance.
ON FIXED DEPOSITS.
For 3 months, 2½ per cent. per Annum.
For 6 months, 3½ per cent. per Annum.
For 12 months, 4 per cent. per Annum.

J. R. M. SMITH,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 17th August, 1903. [19

THE DEUTSCH-ASIATISCHE BANK.

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....Sh. Taels 5,000,000

HEAD OFFICE—SHANGHAI.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS BERLIN.

BRANCHES:

Berlin	Calcutta	Hankow
Tientsin	Tsingtau (Kiautschou)	

LONDON BANKERS:
Messrs. N. M. ROTHSCHILD & SONS,
THE UNION OF LONDON AND SMITHS BANK, LIMITED.
DEUTSCHE BANK (BERLIN), LONDON AGENCY
DIRECTION DER DISCONTO GESELLSCHAFT.

INTEREST allowed on Current Account DEPOSITS received on terms which may be learned on application. Every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

H. FIGGE,
Manager.

Hongkong, 4th October, 1902. [24

BANKS

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1853
HEAD OFFICE—LONDON.

CAPITAL PAID-UP.....£800,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF SHAREHOLDERS £800,000
RESERVE FUND.....£725,000

INTEREST allowed on Current Account at the rate of 2% per annum on the Daily balances.
On Fixed Deposits for 12 months 4 per cent.
" " " 6 " 3½ "
" " " 3 " 2½ "

T. P. COCHRANE,
Acting Manager.

Hongkong, 18th May, 1903. [112

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL £1,500,000
SUBSCRIBED 1,125,000
PAID-UP 562,500
RESERVE FUND 61,000

BANKERS:
LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LIMITED.

INTEREST allowed on Current Accounts at the rate of 2% per annum on the Daily balance
ON FIXED DEPOSITS:—
For 12 months.....4 %
" 6 " 3½%
" 3 " 2½%

EVAN ORMISTON,
Acting Manager.

Hongkong, 23rd May, 1903. [22

THE BANK OF TAIWAN (FORMOSA), LIMITED.

(INCORPORATED BY SPECIAL IMPERIAL CHARTER.)

AUTHORISED CAPITAL .....Yen 5,000,000
PAID-UP CAPITAL ..... " 2,500,000

HEAD OFFICE: TAIPEH, FORMOSA.
HONGKONG OFFICE: 4, QUEEN'S ROAD (facing Duddell Street).
BRANCHES:—AMOY. KOBE. TAINAN.

HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED.
On current account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.
On fixed deposits for 12 months 5% per Annum
" " " 6 " 4% " "
" " " 3 " 3% " "

S. SHIGENAGA, Agent.

Hongkong, 2nd February, 1903. [1324

INTERNATIONAL BANKING CORPORATION.

HEAD OFFICE—NEW YORK.

FISCAL AGENTS FOR THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IN CHINA AND THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

Capital paid in,	Gold $4,000,000	£820,000
Surplus (Reserve)	Gold $4,000,000	£820,000
Total	Gold $8,000,000	£1,640,000

Capital & Surplus authorised, Gold $10,000,000 =£2,055,000.

LONDON BANKERS:
THE NATIONAL PROVINCIAL BANK OF ENGLAND, LIMITED.
THE UNION OF LONDON AND SMITH'S BANK, LIMITED.

The Corporation buys and sells Bills of Exchange, issues Letters of Credit and carries on every description of Banking and Exchange business. Money received on Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balances, and on Fixed Deposit as follows:

For 12 months, 4½% per annum.
" 6 " 4 % "
" 3 " 3 % "

HONGKONG BRANCH
20, DES VŒUX ROAD CENTRAL.

CHARLES R. SCOTT,
Manager.

Hongkong, 23rd May, 1903. [2695

RUSSO-CHINESE BANK.

ORGANISED UNDER IMPERIAL DECREE OF 10TH DECEMBER, 1895.

CAPITAL ....Roubles 15,000,000
CAPITAL contributed by CHINESE GOVERNMENT...5,000,000 Kouping Taels (EQUIVALENT TO..... £2,150,000 Stg.)

RESERVE FUND..... Roubles 2,060,000
SPECIAL RESERVES ..... Roubles 1,700,000

HEAD OFFICE—ST. PETERSBURG.

BRANCHES AND AGENCIES.

Andijan	Khabarovsk	Port Arthur
Batoum	Khokand	Samarkand
Blagowestchensk	Kiachta	Shanghai
Bodaibo	Kirin	Stretensk
Boukhara	Kobe	Tachkent
Büsk	Krasnoiarsk	Tchita
Chefoo	Kwantchendze	Thougoutchak
Dalny	Moscow	Tielin
Hailar	Moukden	Tientsin
Hakhodate	Nagasaki	Tsitsikar
Hankow	Newchwang	Verchneoudinsk
Harbin	Nicolajeffsk	Verniy
Hongkong	Ouliasitai	Vladivostock
Irkoutsk	Ourga	Yokohama
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BANKERS.
LONDON—Glyn, Mills, Currie & Co.
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Local Bills discounted.
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HONGKONG BRANCH
(TEMPORARY OFFICES WHILE NEW OFFICES IN PRINCES' BUILDINGS ARE BEING BUILT),
VICTORIA HOTEL BUILDINGS,
Ice House Street.

Hongkong, 14th July, 1903. [106

SCIENTIFIC MISCELLANY.

THE MOON'S SECRETS—ANCIENT COAL-MINING—A SNOW WORM—POWER FOR FUTURE USE—THE SPONGE-FISHERS' FOE—THUNDER-STORMS AND THE MOON—A WIRELESS FIRE ALARM—HOW DREAMS ARE SHAPED—DECAY OF WOODS—OCEAN SURVEYS.

Improvements in telescopes and in photography have been bringing the moon nearer to us each year, until now it is regarded with much the same interest as the ocean depths. W. de Fonville points out that the existence of the cities imagined by Schrotter has been already disproved, and we seem now on the verge of acquiring a start in lunar natural history. At any rate, changes have been noted in the tint of certain regions that suggest the development and disappearance of some kind of vegetation. Kepler suggested that all water on the moon must take the form of ice during the long night of 354 hours, and it is now argued that the air itself—probably not more than a sixth as dense as that of the earth—may be converted into snow by the intense cold. This idea is confirmed by indications of an atmosphere in places that have been lighted by the sun long enough to change the solid air into the gaseous state. A liquefied or solid atmosphere could not be easily detected at our distance, as its average depth would be only 6 or 7 feet, the earth's atmosphere being sufficient to give a liquid ocean of only about 35 feet in depth.

Coal-workings around Cheadle, in North Staffordshire, have been traced back as far as the reign of Richard III. The early mining is explained by local geological conditions, as the coal-seams—instead of being hidden under drift as in other parts of England—were brought to notice through dark streaks turned up by the plough. A late discovery is an old level that must have been driven at least 300 years ago for draining a coal-tract.

A cold-loving earthworm—*Melamenchytraeus solifugus*—has been brought to notice by Russell and Filippi. It lives on Mt. St. Elias, Alaska, and by night swarms on the snow of the Malaspina glacier, but when the sun shines burrows under the surface to a depth of 18 inches or more.

Tidal power has met with little favour, on account of its inconvenience and cost. It is directly available only in two short periods daily, and the ordinary working head is so small—not more than six feet—that great expense is necessary to provide storage-ponds of suitable capacity. An engineering writer points out that a few places offer conditions that may make this power profitable. The most conspicuous example is the Bay of Fundy, where the tides run normally forty feet high, and fill a natural reservoir of 400 square miles through a channel less than three miles wide. The damming of this channel should yield more than 200,000,000 horse-power hours daily. The utilisation of this power may be accomplished at some future time, but the engineering feat will be vastly greater than anything yet attempted.

A special malady of sponge-fishers is due to an *actinium*, a small coelenterate that lives on the sponges at depths of 80 to 150 feet. Dr. Skevos Zerves, a Greek physician, states that this parasite is from half an inch to an inch and a half long, and that the poisonous viscous substance secreted by its tentacles produces deep sloughing sores on the naked bodies of the divers. The actinium is also well known as an internal poison, the fishers themselves mixing it with bread or meat to destroy domestic animals. The toxic principle has been lately found by Chas. Richet to contain two distinct poisons, one of which—causing intense congestion and hemorrhage—has been named "congestin," while the other—giving rise to violent irritation—is to be known as "thalassin."

Astronomers themselves seem to be tending now to a belief in some connection between the moon and the weather. From statistics from various sources Prof. W. H. Pickering has concluded that thunderstorms are really more numerous in the first half of the lunar month than in the last, liability to the storms being greatest between new moon and first quarter and least between full moon and last quarter.

With an open gauge in a central part of Edinburgh, Dr. W. G. Black last year collected dust and soot indicating a total fall of 24 pounds per 100 square feet.

In the new fire-alarm system of Emile Guarini, of Brussels, automatic signals are sent to the engine-house by wireless telegraphy. The rise of the mercury in a thermometer acts upon a relay, and sets in motion a wheel, which makes and breaks the electric circuit by a series of contacts. A series of impulses is thus sent through an induction coil and the usual transmitting apparatus. The receiver at the central station, or engine-house, includes air and earth conductors, coherer, battery and Morse instrument. The same receiver can serve a number of transmitters in different places, and, as the contacts on the wheel can be varied, the exact location of the fire can be indicated.

A relation between the character of dreams and the intensity of sleep has been shown by the experiments of N. Vaschide. In profound sleep the dreams refer to latent recollections of long-past events and matters seemingly having no connection with the present; but the dreams of light slumber are inspired by recent occurrences and excitements, and are sometimes connected with what is transpiring around the sleeper.

In a recent test of the durability of woods stakes two feet long and an inch and a half square were driven into the ground nearly their entire length. At the end of five years, oak, elm, ash, fir and soft mahogany were entirely decayed. Larch and hard pine were decayed on the outside, cedar of Lebanon and hard mahogany were in fairly good condition, but Virginia cedar was as sound and perfect as at first.

Last year eleven British vessels, carrying 78 officers and 781 men, were employed in charting the ocean's bed. An area of 12,661 miles was sounded, 39 dangerous rocks and shoals being discovered, and 1924 miles of coast-line were charted. Other rocks and shoals reported from various sources numbered 279.

HONGKONG CLUB.

NOTICE.

THE FOURTH DRAWING of SIXTY-FIVE DEBENTURES of the Hongkong Club, $100 each, was held in the HONGKONG CLUB HOUSE, on SATURDAY, the 19th inst., when the following Debentures were drawn for redemption:—

9	276	579	999	1452
32	292	596	1000	1548
43	309	673	1074	1575
51	327	674	1085	1580
53	353	718	1129	1618
99	354	735	1144	1650
131	390	751	1165	1667
171	394	757	1167	1688
177	438	790	1244	1723
180	449	932	1363	1751
219	486	953	1373	1869
230	542	987	1393	1873
273	565	993	1436	1918

and will be payable at the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION on the 30TH day of SEPTEMBER, 1903, in exchange for surrender of same.

By Order,
C. H. GRACE,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 21st September, 1903. [2629

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

Sept. 27, HOLSTEIN, German str., 985, Joh. Chrs. Hansen, Haiphong *via* Hoihow 21st Sept., Coals and General.—JERSEN & Co.

Sept. 27, ARRATOON APCAR, British str., 4,445, E. Fey, Calcutta and Singapore 22nd Sept., General.—D. SASSOON & CO., LD.

Sept. 28, CHEANG CHEW, British str., 1,213, Frampton, Singapore 21st Sept., General.—CHINESE.

Sept. 28, GLORY, British battleship, 12,950, A. W. Carter, from Nagasaki and Weihaiwei.

Sept. 28, KAGOSHIMA MARU, Japanese steamer, 2,781, K. Kori, Bombay 11th September, General.—NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

Sept. 28, LOONGSANG, British str., 1,092, G. S. Weigall, Manila 25th September, General.—JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Sept. 28, RUBI, British str., 1,611, R. W. Almond, Manila 26th Sept., General.—SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.

Sept. 28, SAXONIA, German steamer, 2,264, Brehmer, Singapore 22nd Sept., General.—HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE.

Sept. 28, THEMIS, Norwegian str., 1,209, T. Thomassen, Iloilo 23rd Sept.—CARLOWITZ & Co.

Sept. 28, TSINTAU, German str., 1,002, O. Koch, Bangkok 19th September and Swatow 27th, Rice.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

Sept. 28, TSURUGISAN MARU, Jap. str., 2,559, I. Narasaki, Kutchinotzu 23rd September, Coal.—M. B. KAISHA.

CLEARANCES

AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE, 28th September.

Carl Diederichsen, German str., for Hoihow.
Daigi Maru, Japanese str., for Swatow.
Glaucus, British str., for Singapore.
Hongkong, French str., for Hoihow.
Hongwan I, British str., for Amoy.
Irene, Chinese str., for Shanghai.
Kagoshima Maru, Japanese str., for Moji.
Kwongsang, British str., for Swatow.
M. Stowe, German str., for Ningpo.
Perla, British str., for Amoy.
Rosetta Maru, Japanese str., for Manila.
Taicheong, German str., for Swatow.
Tungshing, British str., for Canton.

DEPARTURES.

28th September.

ALACRITY, British despatch vessel, for Singapore.
AYR, Norwegian str., for Kutchinotzu.
KWANGTAH, Chinese str., for Canton.
SHAKANO MARU, Japanese str., for Moji.
SIHAN, British str., for Swatow.

VESSELS IN DOCK.

28th September.

ABERDEEN DOCKS.—*Ayr*.
KOWLOON DOCKS.—*Pembrokeshire, Bangkok, America Maru*.
COSMOPOLITAN DOCK.—*Nanping, Emma Luckman, Kaga Maru*.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer *Rubi*, from Manila 26th Sept., had fresh N.E. wind and rough sea, equally wet, rain occasionally.

The British steamer *Kwangtung*, from Penang 19th Sept., had N. to N.W. winds to Cape Padaran; thence to Cape Varella calm and fine, thence to Paracels Islands strong S.W. and S.E. winds; from there to port fresh N.E. wind, moderate sea and fine weather.

VESSELS ADVERTISED AS LOADING.

DESTINATION	VESSEL'S NAMES	FLAG	CAPTAIN	FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO	TO BE DESPATCHED
LONDON & ANTWERP, VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	SOCOTRA	Brit. str.	C. G. Benton	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About 2nd Oct.
LONDON, &c., VIA PORTS OF CALL	SIMLA	Brit. str.	C. D. Goldsmith	P. & O. S. N. Co.	10th Oct., at Noon.
LONDON & ANTWERP, VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	BORNEO	Brit. str.	G. W. Gordon	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About 17th Oct.
LIVERPOOL	IDOMENEUS	Brit. str.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	13th October.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP	GLAUCUS	Brit. str.	Hilbench	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-day.
MARSEILLES, LONDON &c., V. S'PORE, &c.	INABA MARU	Jap. str.	W. Bainbridge	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	3rd Oct., Daylight.
MARSEILLES, &c., VIA PORTS OF CALL	ANNAM	Fren. str.	Girard	MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	6th Oct., at 1 P.M.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP	AGAMEMNON	Brit. str.	H. Nish	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	13th October.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP	PAK LING	Brit. str.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	27th October.
BREMEN, VIA PORTS OF CALL	ZIETEN	Ger. str.	B. Wilhelmi	MELCHERS & Co.	To-morrow, Noon.
HAVRE, BREMEN & HAMBURG	ABESSINIA	Ger. str.	Filler	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	7th October.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	BRISGAVIA	Ger. str.	Schulke	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	20th October.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	SAXONIA	Ger. str.	Brehmer	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	3rd November.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	MARBURG	Ger. str.	Stern	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	17th November.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	SUEVIA	Ger. str.	Borck	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	1st December.
TRIESTE, &c., VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	F. FERDINAND	Aus. str.	Matcovich	SANDER, WIELER & Co.	21st Oct.
NEW YORK, VIA PORTS & SUEZ CANAL	SHIMOSA	Brit. str.		DODWELL & Co., LD.	About 10th Oct.
NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL	NORDKYN	Rus. str.	A. Beer	SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.	17th October.
VANCOUVER, VIA SHANGHAI, &c.	TARTAR	Brit. str.	E. Beetham	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. Co	7th October.
VANCOUVER, VIA SHANGHAI, &c.	E. OF CHINA	Brit. str.		CANADIAN PACIFIC R. Co	21st October.
VICTORIA (B.C.) & TACOMA VIA JAPAN	VICTORIA	Brit. str.	J. Truebridge	DODWELL & Co., LIMITED	10th Oct.
VICTORIA (B.C.) & SEATTLE VIA N'SAKI, &c.	CALCHAS	Brit. str.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	2nd October.
VICTORIA (B.C.) & SEATTLE VIA S'HAI, &c.	KAGA MARU	Jap. str.	Geo. Anderson	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	6th Oct., at 4 P.M.
PORTLAND, OREGON	INDRAVELLI	Brit. str.	R. P. Craven	PORTLAND & ASIATIC Co	14th October.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS	CHINGTU	Brit. str.	J. McD. Howie	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	5th October.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS	YAWATA MARU	Jap. str.	A. E. Moses	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	9th Oct., at 4 P.M.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS	GUTHRIE	Brit. str.	Dabelle	GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.	About 9th Oct.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	SAXONIA	Ger. str.	Brehmer	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	1st Oct., at 5 P.M.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	TAIYUAN	Brit. str.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	2nd October.
YOKOHAMA, VIA SHANGHAI, MOJI & KOBE	SHANGHAI	Brit. str.	A. Thompson	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About 3rd October.
MOJI, KOBE, Y'HAMA, &c., & SAN FRANCISCO	LOTHIAN	Brit. str.	J. C. Williamson	J. S. VAN BUREN	7th Oct., at Noon.
MOJI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	KAGOSHIMA M.	Jap. str.	K. Kori	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	1st Oct., D'light.
KOBE, NAGASAKI & VLADIVOSTOK	SAVOIA	Ger. str.	Deimat	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	2nd Oct., at Noon.
KOBE & YOKOHAMA	SADO MARU	Jap. str.	S. J. G. Parsons	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	9th Oct., Daylight.
NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	KASUGA MARU	Jap. str.	Wm. Hunter	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	7th Oct., at Noon.
CHEFOO & TIENTSIN	KWEIYANG	Brit. str.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	2nd Oct.
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, HIOGO & YOKOHAMA	ROON	Ger. str.	G. Meiners	MELCHERS & Co.	Quick despatch.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	ERNEST SIMONS	Fren. str.	Dupuy Fromy	MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	About 5th Oct.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	MALTA	Brit. str.	O. L. W. Field	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About 9th October.
NINGPO & SHANGHAI	SHAOHSING	Brit. str.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-morrow.
TAMSUI, VIA SWATOW & AMOY	DAIGI MARU	Jap. str.	T. W. Groves	OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA	To-day.
FOOCHOW, VIA SWATOW & AMOY	ANPING MARU	Jap. str.	I. Goto	OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA	4th October.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	WHAMPOA	Brit. str.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-day.
WATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW	THALES	Brit. str.	Robson	DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.	To-day, 10 A.M.
SWATOW	HAILOONG	Brit. str.	Evans	DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.	To-morrow, D'light.
MANILA	ROSETTA MARU	Jap. str.	H. S. Smith	TOYO KISEN KAISHA	To-day, 11 A.M.
MANILA, CEBU & ILOILO	HUPEH	Brit. str.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-morrow.
MANILA	LOONGSANG	Brit. str.	G. S. Weigall	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co	2nd Oct., at 4 P.M.
MANILA DIRECT	RUBI	Brit. str.	R. W. Almond	SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.	3rd Oct.
MANILA	CHINGTU	Brit. str.	J. McD. Howie	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	5th Oct.
MANILA	SUNGKIANG	Brit. str.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	7th Oct.
MANILA	GUTHRIE	Brit. str.	Dabelle	GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.	About 9th Oct.
SINGAPORE & CALCUTTA	SAMBIA	Ger. str.	Schmidt	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	1st Oct., at Noon.
BOMBAY, VIA SINGAPORE & COLOMBO	HIROSHIMA M.	Jap. str.	J. Nagao	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	6th Oct., at Noon.
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	G. APCAR	Brit. str.	J. G. Olifent	DAVID SASSOON & Co., LD.	To-day, 3 P.M.
SINGAPORE, COLOMBO & BOMBAY	PEKIN	Brit. str.	C. R. Longden	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About 5th Oct.

OCEAN STEAM SHIP CO., LD.

AND

CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LD.

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FORTNIGHTLY SAILINGS FOR LONDON AND CONTINENT.
MONTHLY SAILINGS FOR LIVERPOOL.

TAKING CARGO ON THROUGH BILLS OF LADING FOR ALL EUROPEAN, NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICAN, WEST AUSTRALIAN, JAVA, AND SUMATRA PORTS.

OUTWARDS.

FROM	STEAMERS	DUE
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL ..	"CALCHAS"	On 1st October.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL...	"TANTALUS"	On 7th October.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL...	"ANTENOR"	On 24th October.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL...	"OANFA"	On 27th October.

HOMEWARDS.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
MARSEILLES, LONDON and ANTWERP	"GLAUCUS"	On 29th September
* LIVERPOOL	"IDOMENEUS"	On 13th October.
MARSEILLES, LONDON and ANTWERP	"AGAMEMNON"	On 13th October.
MARSEILLES, LONDON and ANTWERP	"PAK LING"	On 27th October.

* Taking Cargo for Liverpool at London Rates.

TRANS-PACIFIC SERVICE.

FOR	STEAMER	TO SAIL
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA, and all PACIFIC COAST POINTS, VIA NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	"CALCHAS"	On 2nd October.
	"OANFA"	On 2nd November.

The s.s. "MACHAON" left Victoria on the 2nd inst., for Japan and Hongkong.

For Freight, apply to—

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
AGENTS.

Hongkong, 25th September, 1903. [10-12

CHINA NAVIGATION CO. LIMITED.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL.
SWATOW and SHANGHAI	"WHAMPOA"	On 29th September.
MANILA, CEBU and ILOILO	"HUPEH"	On 30th September.
NINGPO and SHANGHAI	† "SHAOHSING"	On 30th September.
YOKOHAMA and KOBE	* "TAIYUAN"	On 2nd October.
CHEFOO and TIENTSIN	"KWEIYANG"	On 2nd October.
MANILA	* "CHINGTU"	On 5th October.
PORT DARWIN, THURSDAY ISLAND, COOKTOWN, CAIRNS, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE	‡ * "CHINGTU"	On 5th October.
MANILA	* "SUNGKIANG"	On 7th October.

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† Taking Cargo on through bills of lading to all Yangtsze and Northern China Ports.

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REDUCED SALOON FARES, SINGLE AND RETURN TO MANILA AND AUSTRALIAN PORTS.

For Freight or Passage, apply to—

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
AGENTS.

Hongkong, 23th September, 1903. [11

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP CO.
BOSTON STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
BOSTON TOW-BOAT COMPANY.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG,
VIA
SHANGHAI, INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.
FOR
VICTORIA, B.C., AND TACOMA,
IN CONNECTION WITH
NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY.

Steamer	Captain.	Tons.	Sailing Date.
VICTORIA	J. Truebridge	3,502	October 10th
SHAWMUT	W. M. Smith	9,606	November 14th
OLYMPIA	A. Dixon	2,837	November 25th
TACOMA	M. Ridley	2,812	December 15th

Steamers marked * have no passenger accommodation.

THE attention of Passengers is directed to the very cheap rates offered by this Line to the PACIFIC COAST and to the INTERIOR and EASTERN CITIES of the UNITED STATES and to EUROPE.

Special rates allowed to members of Government Services.

Through Bills of Lading issued to Pacific Coast Points and to the Principal Cities in the United States and Canada.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to

DODWELL & COMPANY, LIMITED,
GENERAL AGENTS.

Hongkong, 29th September, 1903. [7

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE
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Taking Cargo at through rates to ANTWERP, AMSTERDAM, ROTTERDAM, COPENHAGEN LISBON, OPORTO, LONDON, LIVERPOOL, GLASGOW, TRIESTE, GENOA, PORTS in the LEVANT, BLACK SEA and BALTIC PORTS, NORTH and SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.
SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS.	DESTINATIONS.	SAILING DATES.
ABESSINIA ..... Capt. Filler	HAVRE, BREMEN and HAMBURG (Calling at Singapore and Penang) ...	On 7th Oct. Freight.
BRISGAVIA ..... Capt. Schülke	HAVRE and HAMBURG (Calling at Singapore and Colombo)	On 29th Oct. Freight.
SAXONIA ..... Capt. Brahmer	HAVRE and HAMBURG (Calling at Singapore and Penang) ...	On 3rd Nov. Freight.
MARBURG ..... Capt. Stern	HAVRE and HAMBURG (Calling at Singapore and Colombo)	On 17th Nov. Freight.
SUEVIA ..... Capt. Borck	HAVRE and HAMBURG (Calling at Singapore and Penang) ...	On 1st Dec. Freight.

For Further Particulars, apply to

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE,
HONGKONG OFFICE.
QUEEN'S BUILDINGS, No. 1.

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NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR DEBTS.

NEITHER the CAPTAIN, the AGENTS, nor the OWNERS will be RESPONSIBLE for any DEBT contracted by the Officers or the Crew of the following Vessels during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—

FORTHBANK, British barque, Young.—Dodwell & Co., Ld.

HELENA WYMAN, Amr. barque, D. A. Vanhon —Captain.

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NOANOKE, American ship, J. A. Amsbury.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co

N ATAL LINE OF STEAMERS.

THE Undersigned GENERAL AGENTS in CHINA and JAPAN for the above Line are prepared to issue THROUGH BILLS OF LADING for all the principal ports in SOUTH AFRICA, in connection with INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION CO.'s fortnightly service hence to CALCUTTA. Sailings from CALCUTTA for CAPE PORTS every fortnight.

For Freight and further particulars, apply to

DODWELL & CO., LIMITED,
General Agents for China and Japan.

Hongkong, 4th August, 1897. [8

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.
PAQUEBOTS—POSTE FRANCAIS.

NOTICE.

STEAM FOR SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, COLOMBO, ADEN, EGYPT, MARSEILLES, MEDITERRANEAN AND BLACK SEA PORTS, LONDON, HAVRE, BORDEAUX; ALSO PORTS OF BRAZIL AND RIVER PLATE.

ON TUESDAY, the 6th October, 1903, at 1 P.M., the Company's Steamship "ANNAM," Captain Girard, with Mails, Passengers, Specie and Cargo, will leave this Port for MARSEILLES *via* Ports of Call, WITHOUT TRANSHIPMENT.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted till NOON only on Monday, the 5th October. Specie and Parcels received until 4 P.M. on the same day. No Cargo will be received on board on Tuesday.

Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office. Contents and Value of Packages are required.

For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.

Hongkong, 29th September, 1903. [2

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY

STEAM FOR STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEN, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS, PLYMOUTH AND LONDON.

THROUGH BILLS OF LADING ISSUED FOR BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL, AMERICAN AND SOUTH AFRICAN PORTS.

THE Steamship

"SIMLA,"

Captain C. D. Goldsmith, R.N.R., carrying His Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this for Bombay, etc., on SATURDAY, the 10TH OCTOBER, at NOON taking passengers and cargo for the above ports.

Silk and Valuables, all cargo for France, and Tea for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into a steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London; other cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed *via* Bombay.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 P.M. the day before sailing. The contents and value of all packages are required.

Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills of Lading.

For further particulars, apply to

E. A. HEWETT,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 29th September, 1903. [1

THE AMERICAN ASIATIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

STEAMSHIP SERVICE FOR NEW YORK VIA THE SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship

"NORDKYN," Captain A. Beer,

will be despatched on SATURDAY, the 17th OCTOBER, to be followed by the steamship

"HERMISTON," Captain W. T. Bain,

on or about WEDNESDAY, 18th NOVEMBER.

For Freight, &c., apply to

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Agents.

Hongkong, 26th September, 1903. [2657

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR FIUME AND TRIESTE (DIRECT), Calling at SINGAPORE, PENANG, CALCUTTA, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ and PORT SAID

(Taking Cargo at through rates to the BRAZILS; to SOUTH AFRICA, RED SEA, BLACK SEA, LEVANT, VENICE and ADRIATIC PORTS).

THE Company's Steamship

"FRANZ FERDINAND,"

Captain Matcovich, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 21st October.

For information as to Passage and Freight, apply to

SANDER, WIELER & CO.,
Agents,
Princes' Buildings.

Hongkong, 23rd September, 1903. [3

CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LIMITED.

HONGKONG—MANILA.
REDUCED SALOON PASSAGE MONEY,
SINGLE, $20; RETURN, $35.

STEAMERS FITTED THROUGHOUT WITH ELECTRIC LIGHT. FIRST CLASS ACCOMMODATION. UNRIVALLED TABLE. DULY QUALIFIED SURGEON CARRIED.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
AGENTS.

Hongkong, 4th July, 1903. [1964

HONGKONG-MACAO LINE.

S.S. "WING CHAI."
Captain Samuel Bell Smith.

DEPARTURES from Hongkong, on week days, at 7.30 A.M.; on Excursion Sundays, at 8.30 A.M.; from Macao week days at about 2 P.M. and Sundays about 7.30 P.M.

FARE—(week days) 1st Class (including cabin and servant), $3 Return Ticket $5.

2nd Class $1. 3rd Class 50 cents.

On Excursion Sundays 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Class Single Ticket $2. Return Ticket $3. Return Ticket including Tiffin and Dinner either on board or at Macao Hotel $5. On Sundays $5 extra will be charged for each Cabin which has accommodation for two or more Passengers.

Wharf at the Western end of Wing Lok Street.

The Steamer runs an Excursion Trip Every Sunday, and takes only 3½ hours to reach Macao.

MING ON & CO.,
2nd Floor, 16, Victoria Street.

Hongkong, 8th September 1903 [2112

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED,
AND
THE CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

CONSIGNEES per Company's Steamer

"PAKLING"

are hereby notified that the Cargo is being discharged into Craft, and/or landed at the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ld., where in both cases it will lie at Consignees' risk. The Cargo will be ready for delivery from Craft or Godown on and after the 24th instant.

Optional cargo will be landed, unless notice has been given prior to steamer's arrival.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined at 11 A.M., on the 30th inst.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the steamers Godown and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 30th inst. will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 3rd prox. or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 23rd September, 1903. [10-12

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamer

"COROMANDEL,"
FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO AND STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out Mark by Mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

This Vessel brings on Cargo:—
From London, &c., ex s.s. *Arcadia*.
From Persian Gulf, ex B. I. S. N. and B. & P. S. N. Co.'s steamers.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before 1 P.M., To-DAY, the 24th inst.

Goods not cleared by the 30th inst., at 4 P.M., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignee's and the Company's representative at an appointed hour. All Claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognised. No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns.

E. A. HEWETT,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 24th September, 1903. [1

"INDRA" LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Company's Steamship

"INDRAMAYO"

having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each Consignment will be sorted out mark by mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

Goods not cleared by the 2nd October, at NOON, will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

All damaged packages must be left in the Godowns, and a certificate of the damage obtained from the Godown Company within ten days after the vessel's arrival here, after which no claims will be recognised.

Optional goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 26th September, 1903. [2763

STEAMSHIP "PETRACH" GENERAL AVERAGE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all Claims for Damage to Cargo by water when the "Petrach" was on fire at Shanghai 13th May, 1903, must be submitted to the Adjuster, Mr. E. H. HUTCHISON (of the Yangtsze Insurance Association, Limited), Shanghai, on or before 1ST OCTOBER next, after which date no Claim will be recognised.

SANDER, WIELER & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 31st August, 1903. 2445

MITSU BISHI DOCKYARD AND ENGINE WORKS,
NAGASAKI.

CODE WORD: "DOCK." NAGASAKI. A.1, A.B.C., Scotts' and Engineering Code Used.

DOCK No. 1 (at TATEGAMI.)

Extreme Length ...	523 feet.
Length on Blocks ...	513 "
Width of Entrance on Top ...	89 "
Width of Entrance on Bottom ...	77 "
Water on Blocks at Spring Tide	23½ "

DOCK No. 2 (at MUKAIJIMA.)

Extreme Length ...	371 feet
Length on Blocks ...	350 "
Width of Entrance on Top ...	66 "
Width of Entrance on Bottom ...	53 "
Water on Blocks at Spring Tide	22 "

PATENT SLIP (at KOSUGE).
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Algerine, sloop, 1,050 tons, 6 guns, 1,100 h.p., Comdr. Rowland Nugent, Behring Sea

Amphitrite, 1st class cruiser, 11,000 tons, 18,000 h.p., Capt. Charles Windham, C.V.O., Hongkong

Blenheim, 1st class cruiser, 9,000 tons, 12 guns, 21,411 h.p., Capt. F. G. Stopford, at Weihaiwei

Bramble, gunboat, 710 tons, 6 guns, 1,300 h.p., Lieut.-Comdr. F. M. Leake, Hongkong

Britomart, gunboat, 710 tons, 6 guns, 1,300 h.p. Lieut.-Comdr. Thos. D. Pratt, Hongkong,

Cressy, cruiser, 12,000 tons, 14 guns, 21,000 h.p., Capt. Henry M. T. Tudor, Hongkong

Eclipse, cruiser, 5,600 tons, 11 guns, Captain Stokes, Weihaiwei

Espiegle, gunboat, 1,070 tons, 10 guns, Comdr. Ernest G. Barton, at Weihaiwei

Fame, torpedo-boat destroyer, 360 tons, 6 guns, 5,700 h.p., in reserve

Fearless, cruiser, 443 tons, 12 guns, Capt. Vaughan Lewes, Hongkong

Glory, battleship, 12,950 tons, 16 guns, 13,500 h.p., Captain A. W. Carter, *en route* Hongkong

Handy, torpedo-boat destroyer, 260 tons, 6 guns, 4,000 h.p., Lieut.-Comdr. H. L. Wells, Weihaiwei

Hart, torpedo-boat destroyer, 260 tons, 6 guns, 4,000 h.p., Lieut.-Comdr. A. B. Barker, at Weihaiwei

Humber, storeship, 1,640 tons, Comdr. John D. Daintree, Weihaiwei

Janus, torpedo-boat destroyer, 280 tons, 6 guns, 3,900 h.p., Lieut.-Comdr. Cyril Asser, Weihaiwei

Kinshia, river gunboat, 331 tons, Lieut.-Comdr. G. B. Powell, on Yangtsze

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Mutine, sloop, 980 tons, 10 guns, Comdr. C. W. M. Prendergeath, Weihaiwei

Ocean, battleship, 12,950 tons, 16 guns, 13,500 h.p., Captain R. F. O. Foote, C.M.G., Weihaiwei

Otter, torpedo-boat destroyer, 350 tons, Lieut.-Comdr. G. C. Codrington, Weiweihai

Phœnix, sloop, 1,015 tons, 6 guns, 1,400 h.p., Comdr. W. H. Nicholson, Weihaiwei

Rambler, surveying-ship, 933 tons, Capt. Morris H. Smyth, Shanghai

Rinaldo, sloop, 980 tons, 6 guns, Comdr. D. St. Aubyn Wake, Weihaiwei

Robin, river gunboat, 85 tons, 2 guns, 240 h.p., Lieut.-Comdr. John F. Irven, Hongkong

Rosario, sloop, 980 tons, 6 guns, 11,400 h.p., Comdr. Thos. Jackson, Singapore

Sandpiper, river gunboat, 85 tons, 2 guns, 240 h.p., Lieut.-Comdr. Murray Macd. Lockhart, Hongkong

Sirius, 2nd class cruiser, 3,600 tons, Capt. C. H. H. Moore, Weihaiwei

Snipe, river gun-boat, 85 tons, 2 guns, 240 h.p., Lieut.-Comdr. Ernest W. G. Davidson, on Yangtsze

Sparrowhawk, torpedo-boat destroyer, 360 tons, in reserve

Taku, torpedo-boat destroyer, 250 tons, 6 guns, 5,000 h.p., in reserve

Talbot, cruiser, 5,600 tons, 11 guns, 9,600 h.p., Capt. Lewis Bayley, Shanghai

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

The *Korea*, with the American Mail of the 3rd inst., left Yokohama on Tuesday, the 22nd inst., and may be expected here to-day.

The *Empress of China*, with the Canadian Mail, left Shanghai on Saturday, the 26th inst., at 1 p.m., and may be expected here to-day, at 9 a.m.

The *Roon*, with the German Mail of the 1st inst., left Singapore on Friday, the 25th inst., at 8 a.m., and may be expected here to-day, at 2 p.m.

The *Ernest Simons*, with the French Mail of the 4th inst., left Singapore on Monday, the 28th inst., at 3 p.m., and may be expected here on or about Monday, the 5th prox. This Packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on the 1st August.

Found on the counter of the General Post Office a silver mounted stick.

MAILS WILL CLOSE.

FOR	PER	DATE
Haiphong	*Hongkong*	Tuesday, 29th, 9.00 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	*Thales*	Tuesday, 29th, 9.00 A.M.
Swatow and Bangkok	*P. C. Khan*	Tuesday, 29th, 9.00 A.M.
Canton	*Honam*	Tuesday, 29th, 9.30 A.M.
Manila	*Rosetta Maru*	Tuesday, 29th, 10.00 A.M.
Saigon	*Prosper*	Tuesday, 29th, 11.00 A.M.
Amoy, Manila, Iloilo and Cebu	*Perla*	Tuesday, 29th, 11.00 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Tamsui	*Daigi Maru*	Tuesday, 29th, 11.00 A.M.
Macao	*Heungshan*	Tuesday, 29th, 1.15 P.M.
Swatow and Shanghai	*Kwongsang*	Tuesday, 29th, 2.00 P.M.
Amoy	*Chenngchow*	Tuesday, 29th, 2.00 P.M.
Singapore, Sourabaya and Samarang	*Hinsang*	Tuesday, 29th, 2.00 P.M.
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta	*Gregory Apcar*	Tuesday, 29th, 2.00 P.M.
Swatow and Shanghai	*Whanpoa*	Tuesday, 29th, 3.00 P.M.
Hoihow and Pakhoi	*Hailan*	Tuesday, 29th, 4.00 P.M.
Sandakan (by the courtesy of the Commander)	H.M.S. *Fearless*	Tuesday, 29th, 5.00 P.M.
Swatow	*Haitoong*	Tuesday, 29th, 5.00 P.M.
Canton	*Powan*	Tuesday, 29th, 5.00 P.M.
Macao	*Wingchai*	Tuesday, 29th, 5.00 P.M.
Sanbue	*Lee Wing*	Tuesday, 29th, 5.00 P.M.
Namtao	*Tai Chun*	Tuesday, 29th, 5.00 P.M.
EUROPE, &c., India via Tuticorin (Late Letters 11.00 to 11.30 A.M. Extra Postage 10 cents) (Letters posted in the Peak Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail.)	*Zieten*	Wednesday, 30th. Printed matter and samples ..... 10.00 A.M. Registration .. 10.00 A.M. (Registration, with late fee of 10 cents up to 10.45 A.M.) Letters ..... 11.00 A.M.
Manila, Iloilo and Cebu	*Hupeh*	Wednesday, 30th, 3.00 P.M.
Shanghai	*Taichow*	Wednesday, 30th, 3.00 P.M.
Ningpo and Shanghai	*Shaohsing*	Wednesday, 30th, 4.00 P.M.
Moji, Kobe and Yokohama	*Kitagoshima Maru*	Wednesday, 30th, 5.00 P.M.

TO-DAY.

Annual General Meeting of the Hongkong Hocky Club, Hongkong Club, 5 p.m.

Annual General Meeting of Hongkong St. Andrews Society, City Hall, 5.30 p.m.

The Pollard English Comedy Co., Theatre Royal, City Hall, 9 p.m.

TO-MORROW.

Sale, Office Furniture, 51, Wyndham Street, Mr. Geo. P. Lammert, noon.

COMMERCIAL.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

28th September.

ON LONDON.—			
Telegraphic Transfer	1/10¼		
Bank Bills, on demand	1/10 5/16		
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight	1/10⅛		
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight	1/10 9/16		
Credits, at 4 months' sight	1/10 11/16		
Documentary Bills, 4 months' sight	1/10 11/16		
ON PARIS.—			
Bank Bills, on demand	234		
Credits, at 4 months' sight	237½		
ON GERMANY.—			
On demand	189½		
ON NEW YORK.—			
Bank Bills, on demand	451		
Credits, 60 days' sight	46		
ON BOMBAY.—			
Telegraphic Transfer	138½		
Bank, on demand	138¼		
ON CALCUTTA.—			
Telegraphic Transfer	138½		
Bank, on demand	138¼		
ON SHANGHAI.—			
Bank, at sight	72½		
Private, 30 days' sight	73½		
ON YOKOHAMA.— On demand	90		
ON MANILA.—On demand	Nominal.		
ON SINGAPORE.— On demand	Nominal.		
ON BATAVIA.— On demand	112		
ON HAIPHONG.— On demand	1 p.c. pm.		
ON SAIGON.— On demand	1 p.c. pm.		
ON BANGKOK.— On demand	62½		
SOVEREIGNS, Bank's Buying Rate	$10.95		
GOLD LEAF, 100 fine, per tael	$58		
BAR SILVER, per oz.	27⅞		

OPIUM.

28th September.

Quotations are:— Allowance net. to Hongkong.

Malwa New	$970	to —	per picul
Malwa Old	$1030	to —	"
Malwa Older	$1060	to —	"
Malwa V. Old	$1090	to —	"
Persian fine quality	$850	to —	"
Persian extra fine	$840	to —	"
Patna New	$1100	to —	per chest.
Patna Old	$1102½	to —	"
Benares New	$1100	to —	"
Benares Old	—	to —	"

VESSELS EXPECTED.

THE GERMAN MAIL.

The Imperial German mail steamer *Zieten* left Shanghai on the 26th inst., at noon, and may be expected here to-day, at daylight.

The Imperial German mail steamer *Roon* left Singapore on the 25th inst., at 8 a.m., and may be expected here to-day, at 2 p.m.

THE CANADIAN MAIL.

The C.P.R. steamer *Empress of China* arrived at Shanghai at 2 a.m. on the 26th inst., and left again at 1 p.m. same day for Hongkong, where she is due to arrive at 9 a.m. to-day.

THE INDIAN MAIL.

The Indo-China steamer *Loisang*, from Calcutta for this port, *via* the Straits, on the 19th inst., and may be expected here on the 5th prox.

THE FRENCH MAIL.

The M.M. steamer *Ernest Simons* left Singapore on the 28th inst., at 3 p.m., for this port *via* Saigon.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The P.M. steamer *Korea* left Yokohama for this port, *via* Inland Sea, &c., on the 22nd inst., a.m.

MERCHANT STEAMERS.

The P. & O. steamer *Shanghai* left Singapore for this port on the 26th inst., at 8 a.m.

The O.S.S. steamer *Calchas* left Singapore on the 26th inst., a.m., and may be expected here on the 1st prox.

The N.Y.K. steamer *Hiroshima Maru* (Bombay Line) left Kobe for this port *via* Moji on the 27th inst., and is expected here on the 4th prox.

The O.S.S. steamer *Machaon* left Victoria on the 2nd inst. for Japan and Hongkong.

The N.P. steamer *Victoria* arrived at Yokohama on the 22nd inst.

The P. & A. steamer *Indravelli* arrived at Yokohama at noon on the 24th inst., and may be expected here on the 5th prox.

The C.C. steamer *Clavering* left San Francisco on the 15th inst., for Hongkong *via* ports.

The C.N. steamer *Tsinan*, from Australian ports, left Sydney for this port *via* Manila on the 19th inst., and is expected here on the 12th prox.

The Boston Tow Boat Co.'s steamer *Hyades* left Victoria for Vladivostock and Northern ports on the 16th inst.

The C.P.R. steamer *Athenian* left Vancouver on the 21st inst., p.m., for Hongkong, *via* the usual ports of call.

The Boston Steamship Co.'s steamer *Shawmut* left Victoria for Yokohama and the usual ports on the 20th inst., and is due there on the 8th prox.

The C.C. steamer *Chingwo* left San Francisco on the 23rd inst.

STEAMERS PASSED THE CANAL.

18th Aug.—*Simoom, St. Fillans.* 28th—*Canadia* 1st Sept.—*Nippon, Glenlochy, Hermann Loecher.* 6th—*Calchas, Hermiston, Kaisow, Sophie Rickmers.* 8th—*Shanghai, Roon, Monmouthshire.* 11th—*Tantalus, Malta, Sado Maru, Lydia, Beucoridch.* 15th—*Ernest Simons, Sachsen, Heathford, Kennebec.* 18th—*Albenga, Sikh, Marlbury, Polyphemus, Priam, Glenroy.* 22nd—*Preussen, Hakata Maru, Bentedi, St. Bede, Tydeus.* 25th—*Yarra, Antenor, Palawan, Strassburg, Kowachi Maru.*

ARRIVALS AT HOME.

1st Sept.—*Beulomond, Tambi Maru, Prinsessa Marie.* 6th—*Arara, Tiberghien, Manchuria.* 8th—*Glenesk, Hamburg, Prinz Heinrich.* 11th—*Ceylon, Glengarry, Promtheus, Nurnberg.* 15th *Stentor.* 18th—*Trieste, Sanuki Maru.* 22nd—*Macduff, Japan.* 25th—*Caledonien, Wurzburg.*

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per *Loongsang*, from Manila, Mr. and Mrs. D'Albert, Mr. and Mrs. José Reull, Messrs. J. D. Buschman, D. Ramirez, M. Murphy, and B. Eiffler.

Per *Tsurugisan Maru*, from Kutchinotzu, Capt. Asai and Chief Eng. Tanaka.

Per *Arnoldoon Apcar*, from Singapore, Mr. and Mrs. Barker, Mr. and Mrs. Edaljee, Mrs. Gonsales, Mr. and Master Mehta, Dr. Davis, Lieut. B. I. Musson, Mr. Brown.

Per *Rabi*, from Manila, Mrs. Ossorio and child, Mrs. J. Verches, Mr. and Mrs. Waters, Mrs. Silveria Wesil, Misses Rincon (2), Lieut. L. F. James, U.S.N., Messrs. Jose Verches, Reinburg, Bolles, Jno. W. Hunter, J. H. Ankrom, R. H. Schneelosch, and M. Zepeda and children.

MESSRS. FALCONER & CO.'S REGISTER, 28th Sept.

Barometer 9 A.M. ...29.67	Therm. 9 A.M. (Wet bulb) 74
Barometer 1 P.M. ...29.81	Therm. 1 P.M. (Wet bulb) 75
Barometer 4 P.M. ...29.78	Therm. 4 P.M. (Wet bulb) 76
Thermom. 9 A.M. ...81	Therm. Maximum 84
Thermom. 1 P.M. ...84	Therm. Minimum over night 79
Thermom. 4 P.M. ...84	

JOINT STOCK SHARES.

Hongkong, 26th September.

COMPANY	PAID UP.	QUOTATIONS.
Banks—		
Hongkong & S'hai	$125	$632½, sellers L'don £66.10.
Natl. Bank of China		
A. Shares	£8	$28½, buyers
B. Shares	£8	$28½, buyers
Foun. Shares	£1	$10.
Bell's Asbestos E. A.	£1	$5½, sellers
Campbell, Moore & Co.	$10	$40, sellers
China-Borneo Co., Ld.	$12	$9½, sellers
China Light and Power Co., Ld.	$20	$5, buyers
China Prov. L. & M.	$10	$9½, sales
China Sugar	$100	$97, sellers
Cigar Companies—		
Alhambra, Ld.	$500	$250, buyers
Philippine Tobacco Trust Co., Ld.	$50	$18, sellers
Cotton Mills—		
Ewo	Tls. 100	Tls. 34, sellers
International	Tls. 75	Tls. 40, sellers
Laou Kung Mow	Tls. 100	Tls. 40, buyers
Soychee	Tls. 500	Tls. 160.
Hongkong	$10	$14½, buyers
Dairy Farm	$6	$12.
Fenwick & Co., Geo.	$25	$47½.
Green Island Cement	$10	$22½, buyers
H. & C. Bakery	$50	$40.
Hongkong & C. Gas	£10	$140, buyers
Hongkong Electric	$10	$12.60.
	$5	$7, sellers
H. H. L. Tramways	$100	$320, sellers
Ok. Steam Waterboat Co. Ld.	10	$15½, buyers
Hongkong Hotel	$50	$145, buyers
Hongkong Ice	$25	$260, sellers
H. & K. Wharf & G.	$50	$87, sales
Hongkong Rope	$50	$145, sellers
D. & W. Dock	$50	$200.
Insurance—		
Canton	$50	182½, buyers
China Fire	$50	$89, buyers
China Traders'	$25	$61, buyers
Hongkong Fire	$50	$325, sellers
North China	£25	Ts.225, sellers
Straits	$20	$1, buyers
Union	$100	$52½, buyers
Yangtsze	$50	$135, buyers
Land and Building—		
Hongkong Land Inv	$100	$153, sales
Humphreys Estate	$10	$10½, buyers
Kowloon Land & B.	$30	$35, sellers
West Point Building	$50	$50½, sellers
Luzon Sugar	$100	$10, sellers
Manila Invest. Co. Ld.	$50	$15, buyers
Mining—		
Charbonnages	Fcs. 250	$600, sellers
Jelebu	$5	50 cts. sellers
Punjom	$11	$1.65.
Do. Preference	$1	30 cts.
Raubs	18/10	$8½, sellers
New Amoy Dock	$65	$37½.
Oriente Hotel, Manila	$50	$57.
Powell, Ld.	$10	$9, sellers
Robinson Piano Co., Ld.	$50	$60.
Steamship Coys.—		
China and Manila	$50	$19, sellers
	$55	$14, sellers
Douglas Steamship	$50	$35, ex div. sellers
H., Canton and M.	$15	$32½, buyers
Indo-China S. N.	£10	$86, sellers
Siam Transport and Trading Co.	£1	£1.2.6, sellers
Star Ferry	$10	$26½, sellers
	$5	$16½, sellers
S.C.F., Boyd & Co., Ld.	Tls. 100	Tls. 136.
S. & H. Dyeing & C. Co., Ld.	$50	$50, nominal
Tebrau Planting Co.	$5	nominal
United Asbestos	$1	$9.10.
Do.	$10	$200.
Universal Trading Co., Ld.	$20	$23, buyers
Watkins, Ld	$10	8, buyers
Watson & Co., A.S.	$10	$14½, sellers

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HONGKONG TIDE TABLE.

From 29th September to the 5th October.

Day of Week	Day of Month	High Water. Hongkong Mean Time.	Height.	Low Water. Hongkong Mean Time.	Height.
		h. m.	ft. in.	h. m.	ft. in.
Tues.	29	m 1 24	6 1	m 9 40	2 9
		5 40 a	1 6	7 40 a	4 6
Wed.	30	m 2 54	6 0	m 11 0	2 9
		7 9 a	4 8	9 54 a	4 7
Thurs	1	m 4 32	6 0	m 11 51	2 6
		7 22 a	5 0	11 21 a	4 4
Fri.	2	m 5 29	6 1	m 0 33 a	2 4
		7 57 a	5 3		
Sat.	3	m 6 34	6 3	m 0 21	4 0
		7 53 a	5 7	1 17 a	2 3
Sun.	4	m 7 17	6 4	m 1 9	3 6
		8 10 a	5 8	1 45 a	2 2
Mon.	5	m 7 58	6 6	m 1 49	3 2
		8 29 a	6 1	2 18 a	2 2

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